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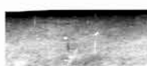

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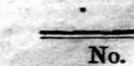

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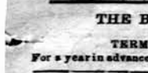

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JOHNSON'S PORTFOLIO of INDIAN PHOTOGRAPHS, contains in addition to the Collection of Costumes and Characters, Views in Bombay, Poona, Wace, Sattara, Mahableshwar, Jeejeer, Baupoor, Guzarat, &c., the Caves of Elephanta, Kenery, and Karlee, the latter with descriptive Letter Press, by Dr. Wilson.

ALSO,

A series of 45 Photographs, illustrating the Railway Works in progress on the Bhore Ghaut, and the scenery of Khandalla.

Also, Railway Viaducts at Tanna, Poona, over the Bheema, and between Callian and Shapoor.

A specimen book lies in the office of the undersigned, to whom all applications for any of the above should be made.

THOMAS CRAWFORD

Bombay, 3, Marine Street.

SPECIFIC FOR DIARRHŒA, DYSENTERY AND PILES.—MESSRS. TREACHER & Co. have just received a supply of Pulverized Biel fruit, which can be obtained at their establishments in the Fort and Byculla.

Manufactured by MOSS, Popson, Dotouhn, near Simla.

Wines, Spirits, Beer, etc.

J. & C. WHITE & Co.'s WINES, as follows:—
Sherry, quarts, in 2 dozen Cases.
Port, quarts, in 2 dozen Cases.
Port, pints, in 4 dozen Cases.
Apply at the Godowns of GEORGE S. KING & Co.

PER "J. J. DUSSIMIER."—McCOMBIE AND WRIGHT, Mess and General Agents, have a fresh stock of—
MUMM'S VINE LEAF BRANDY.
MUMM'S first-class CHAMPAGNE, in Pints and Quarts.
Apply at No. 1, Church Gate Street.

CHAMPAGNE IMPERIAL, FIRST QUALITY, JULES MUMM AND COMPANY, RHEIMS, Shipped by J. J. BORDES, ship owner and sole Importer Bordeaux.

The only genuine Champagne of this Brand for sale at the Godowns of McCOMBIE & WRIGHT. Price Rs. 42 per Dozen

FOR SALE at the Godowns of the undersigned, the following WINES, &c.:—
Cognac, real French,
Burgundy, Beaujolais.
Champagne, Ruinart's, in quarts and pints, 1858 Vintage.
Claret, Barton and Guestier's, Beychevelle.
Do. do. Chateau Leoville.
Sherry, Cortinsos'.
Also, Westley Richard's new Breech-loading Rifles, with Cartridges and Ammunition for the same.
A few of Milner's Fire Resisting Safes, and Brown Brothers celebrated Iron Folding Chairs and Couches.

EWART, LATHAM & Co,
Bombay, 21st May 1863.

THE UNDERSIGNED can confidently recommend the following Wines, &c., just to hand:—
Very Superior Sparkling MOSELLE.
Do. do. CHAMPAGNE,
SHERRY, Superior Pale dry.
Do. Excellent Golden.
Do. Excellent Pale.
PORT, Old, very superior.
HOCK, Sparkling.
Do. Still.
CLARETS, good Breakfast and Dinner Wines.
MADEIRA, a Select Wine.
BURGUNDY, Red "Hermitage."
Do. do. "St. George."
VERMOUTH, Bitter.
BRANDIES, Sundry marks, well selected.
GUINNESS' STOUT, in cases of FOUR Dozen Quarts and SIX Dozen Pints.
5, Forbes Street. ALBERT VINAY.

WINES, SPIRITS, AND BEER, PRICE LIST.—Messrs. TREACHER & Co. confidently recommend a new Batch of Sherries, and would beg to draw attention to their revised list of Wines, &c.:—

SHERRIES—

Black Seal	Amontillado	per dozen	Rs. 28
Bronze do.	Good Dinner Wines	,,	,, 24
White do.		,,	,, 22
Brown do.		,,	,,
Yellow do.		,,	,, 42
MADEIRA, very old		,,	
PORT—			
Black Seal	Matured Fruity	Quarts	,, 30
Do.	Do.	Pints	,, 15
Red Seal		Quarts	,, 24
Do.	Do.	Pints	,, 13
CLARET—			
Chateux Margux			,, 34
Leoville			,, 28
St. Julien			,, 22
Medoc			,, 16
CHAMPAGNE—			
Superior quality	A. DePaul	Quarts	,, 40
Do.	A. DePaul	Pints	,, 21
Do.	J. C. Morizet	Quarts	,, 36
Do.	do do	Pints	,, 19
HOCK—			
Sparking and Still	Deubar & Jordan / Coblentz Rhine		,, 38
MOSELLE do	do.		,, 21
CRABB'S GINGER WINE			,, 18
TREACHER & Co.'s do			,, 42
CURACOA			,, 40
MARASCHINO			,, 30
CHERRY BRANDY			
SPIRITS—			
Brandies, Rs. 18, 24, 30, 36			,, ,,
Do.	Julies Robins (30 year old)		,, 50
Rum	Fine old Jamaica		,, 30
Gin—Old Tom	Boodle, London		,,
Do.	Hollands, in cases		,,
WHISKEY	Glenlivat, Crabbie		,, 21

BEER AND STOUT.

Allsopp's and Bass's Ale and Beer, English and country bottled, just to hand, in excellent condition.

GUINNESS' Dublin, BARCLAY and PERKIN' London, and TENNENTS' Stout and Porter, Pints and Quarts.

TREACHER & Co.
BOMBAY, POONA, KAMPTHEE, KURRACHEE, AND KOTREE.

ON SALE, at the Godowns of the undersigned:—
The following WINES, &c., received from Messrs. F. Giesler & Co., London:—

Champagne, in case containing 1 doz. each.			
Moselle,	ditto	ditto	1 ,,
Sherry,	ditto	ditto	3 ,,
Claret,	ditto	ditto	2 ,,
Eau de Cologne, in Boxes			1 ,,

The following received from Messrs. Cockburn and Campbell:—

Port Wine, (Quarts), in cases containing 3 doz. each.			
Sherry,	ditto	ditto	3 ,,
Brandy,	ditto	ditto	1 ,,
Old Tom,	ditto	ditto	1 ,,
Whiskey,	ditto	ditto	1 ,,

W. NICOL & Co.

For Sale.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT.—A desirable Property at Baadora. Apply to JEHANGEER NOWROJEE H.M. Dockyard.

FOR SALE ON COMMISSION.—A first-rate Telescope Rifle. By Robertson. Price Rs. 400. McCOMBIE AND WRIGHT.

FOR SALE.—THE BURLINGTON ALBUM, of Pianoforte, Vocal and Dance Music for 1863. Published by ROBERT COCKS & Co., publishers to Her Majesty and to the Emperor Napoleon III.

Bombay Gazette Office.

FOR SALE—A small high pressure STEAM ENGINE, of 7 Horse Power, with Boiler and Fittings complete, the Engine and Boiler is nearly new.

Apply to A. LAING, Gun and Pistol Maker, from Edinburgh in front of the Bombay Spinning Company's Cotton Mills Tardeo.

FOR SALE.—250 Barrels Fresh American Flour.
Apply to STEARNS, HOBART & Co.

FOR SALE.—216 Cases Fresh AMERICAN TOBACCO, 2s. and 10s. of superior quality. Apply to STEARNS, HOBART & Co.

FOR SALE.—Yellow, White, and Saltwater Bar Soap.
Refined Cocoanut Oil, Tallow Oil, &c.
Tallow, Ames, and Cart Grease.
Roll Brimstone, Blasting Powder.
Refined Saltpetre.
Cotton Waste.
Tinned Lead Piping.
Stop and Bib brass Cocks from ¾ inch to 2 inches.
Piping laid down.
G. BURSTALL & Co., Chinchpoogly.

FOR SALE, *ex Mystery* from London, Morice Cox & Co.'s Pale Ale, in excellent condition. Price Rs. 5½ per dozen, Quarts. Apply to GREY & Co.

FOR SALE.—HAMS, CHEESE and ENGLISH BUTTER in Firkins, (84 lbs. each), just landed per Ship *Glen Maiden*. Apply to Pestonjee Hormusjee Soon, 29, Apollo Street.

FOR SALE.—PATENT ASPHALTIC ROOFING FELT. A light and permanent roofing, impervious to rain, and can be used either alone, or under Tiles Metal, or other Roofing. LYON BROTHERS & Co.

FOR SALE, ex *Lord Raglan* just arrived:—
A small shipment of Galvanized Corrugated Iron, also Plain and Fluted Zinc.
Nails, Screws, Bolts, &c.
Contractors' and Miners' Tools, Bar Iron, Steel, and Tiles.
FLETCHER AND

Commercial.

BOMBAY DAILY BILL, SHARE, STOCK, AND FREIGHT LIST.

BOMBAY GAZETTE OFFICE,
Friday, 29th May 1863.

EXCHANGE.

On What Place.	Terms.		Rates.
London Banks	6 months' sight		2s. 1d.
Do. Credits	Do.	do.	2s. 1 3/16d.
Do. Documents	Do.	do.	2s. 1¼d.
Calcutta	At sight		99
Madras	30 days' sight		99
China	60 Do.	do.	225 per $100

SHARES.

Names.	Paid up.	Last Half-year's Dividend.	Rates
BANKS.	Rs.		[ex divd.
Agra Bank	500	5 per ct.	103 per ct. pm.
Bombay Bank	1,000	4½ do.	139 prem.
Central Bank	250	2½ do.	18 prem.
Commercial Bank	500	4 do.	36 ex divd.
Chartered Bank of India, A. & China	200	2½ do.	20 prem.
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India London and China	250	5 do.	97 prem.
Oriental Bank Corporation	250	8 do.	125 per ct. pm.
Madras Bank	1,000	4½ do.	102 prem.
PRESS COS.			
Apollo Press Co.	11,000	1,800 per share.	Rs. 23,000 p.sh.
Colaba Press Co.	2,700	390 dr.	Rs. 6,000 p.sh.
Hydraulic Press Co.	4,000	350 per share	Rs.250 dis. nom.
Elphinstone Land & Press Co.	6,000	225 per share	Rs4,800 p.sh.pm
RAILWAY COS.			
G. I. P. Railway Co. Consolidated Stock	218-3-0	per ct.	Rs. 4 dist.
Do. New £20 shares	130-14-6	2½ do.	Rs. 9 dist.
Bombay Baroda & C. I. R. Co.	1,000	2½ do.	Nominal.
SPINNING & WEAVING COS.			
Bombay Spinning & Weaving Co.	5,000	1,000 per share.	500 dist.
Great Eastern Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,100	.....	Rs. 350 dist.
Manockji Pitty's Spinning & Weaving Co.	550	.....	Rs. 110 dist.
Oriental Spinning & Weaving Co.	2,500	450 Rs. p. share	Rs. 100 pm.
Royal Spinning and Weaving Co.	1,500	.....	Rs. 400 dist.
Victoria Spinning Co.	5,000	.....	Nominal.
Bombay United Spinning & Weaving Co.	4,500	.....	Ditto.
Jafar Alee Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	125	.....	Ditto.
Bomanjee Wadia Spinning Co.	5,000	.....	
Colaba Land Co.	10,000	Rs. 100	Rs 25,000.
Throstle Mill Co.	4,000	.....	Rs. 500 dist.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Four Per Cent. Transfer Loan		104
" Loan 1835-36		
" Loan 1842-43		98½
" Loan 1854-55		
New Five per Cent. Loan		107½
Five and a Half Per Cent. Loan		117

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each	Rs.	10-4½
Bank of England Notes	"	10-3
Spanish Dollars	"	249
Carolus	"	290
Mexican Dollars	"	225
German Crowns	"	213
Five Franc Pieces	"	205
Bar Silver	"	106½
Gold Leaf	"	16-7

FREIGHTS.

To Liverpool (Cotton)	£2	7s. 6d. to £3	0s. 0d.	
To London (Cotton)	£2	17s. 6d. to £3	5s. 0d.	
" (Seed)	£2	15s. 0d. to £2	17s. 6d.	
To China		No enquiry.		
To Clyde				
To Hull				
To Calcutta and back		Rs. 20 offered.		

(PRICES CURRENT (28th May 1863.)

COTTON at Colaba		Per candy.
Broach and Surat New (ready.)	Rs.	470 to 472
New Dholleras, (ready.)	"	460 to 461
New Bhownagar, (ready.)	"	461 to 462
New Oomravuttee	"	420 to 422
Old Compta	"	430 to 432
Old Dharwar Sawrinned	"	530 to 531
New Barsee, and Nuggur	"	420 to 422
New Veraval	"	422 to 425
New Jamnuggur	"	415 to 420
New Forstchee	"	440 to 442
New Accola	"	425 to 427
New Yangalees	"	438 to 440
OPIUM—Malwa, Rs. 1,570 to 1,575.		
SEEDS—Kimseed, Khandeish ... at Rs.		6-7 to 6-8 per cwt.
Bengal Gourmut		7-2 to 7-3
Gingelly mixed (Black and White)	"	32 to 32
Niger	"	37 to 38
	"	27 to 28

OPIUM MEMORANDUM FOR THE WEEK ENDING TUESDAY, 26TH MAY, 1863.

PASSES GRANTED.

YEARS.	Up to 9th May 1863.	From 10th to 15th May 1863.	Total.
	Chests.	Chests.	Chests.
AT INDORE.			
For 1862-63	...	...	26,150
" 1863-64	36,388	372	36,758
AT AHMEDABAD.			
For 1861-62	...	...	42
" 1862-63	4,325	82	4,407

IMPORTED INTO BOMBAY.

YEARS.	Up to 19th May 1863.	From 20th to 26th May 1863.	Lost on the Road.	Total Imported.
	Chests.	Chests.	Chests.	Chests.
AT INDORE.				
For 1861-62	...	...	74	26,142½
" 1862-63	35,679½	624	113	35,703½
AT AHMEDABAD.				
For 1861-62	...	...	...	42
" 1862-63	4,324½	...	½	4,324½

EXPORTED BY SEA.

YEARS.	Up to 19th May 1863.	From 20th to 26th May 1863.	Total.
	Chests.	Chests.	Chests.
AT INDORE.			
For 1861-62	25,997	3	26,000
" 1862-63	28,849	1,241	30,190
AT AHMEDABAD.			
For 1861-62	39	...	39
" 1862-63	3,723½	63½	3,787
Balance at Indore.—For 1861-62 Chests			1421
Do. 1862-63			5,513½
Balance at Ahmedabad.—For 1861-62 Chests			3
Do. 1862-63			537½
DETAIL OF EXPORTS FROM 26TH TO 26TH MAY 1863.			
Of the Season 1861-62.			Chests
Per Steamer *China*			3
Of the Season 1862-63.			
Per Steamer *China*			1,341
Of the Season 1862-63.			
Per Steamer *China*			63½
		Total	1,407½

* During the whole Season.

N.B.—The Opium Season year commences from 1st October and ends with 30th September.

(Errors excepted)
F. P. ABBUTHNOT,
Dy. Commissioner of Customs, Salt, and Opium, P.D.
Bombay, Custom House, 27th May 1863.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

BOMBAY AGENCY.

EXCHANGE.

THE CORPORATION grant Drafts on London on demand, and at from one day to six months' sight, and Drafts on Scotland and Ireland on demand; also Circular Notes negotiable in Egypt, Syria, the Continent of Europe, New York, the West Indies, Australia, New Zealand, and the Cape of Good Hope.

The Current rates of Exchange are:—

On London at 6 months' sight		2s.	0¼d. per Rupee.
"	4	do.	2s. 0¼d. do.
"	3	do.	2s. 0¼d. do.
"	2	do.	2s. 0¼d. do.
"	1	do.	2s. 0¼d. do.
"	On demand		
On Scotland	do.		1s. 11¾d. do.
On Ireland	do.		
On Paris, at 3 days' sight			1s. 11¾d. do.
Circular Notes payable throughout Europe			1s. 11¾d. do.

No Drafts for six months' sight are granted for sums under £20. Sums under £20 are only drawn for on demand.

Drafts are also granted on Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Singapore, Manilla, Melbourne, and Sydney.

The Corporation purchase or collect Bills payable in Europe or in Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Singapore, Manilla, Melbourne, and Sydney.

DEPOSITS.

The Corporation receive Deposits on the following terms:—

payable on demand, in sums of Rs. 100 and upwards	2	per ct. per annum.
Do. in one sum, at 3 months' notice	3	"
Do. do. 6 do.	4	"
Do. do. 12 do.	5	"

No interest allowed on Deposits under Rs. 1,000, nor on deposits over Rs. 50,000, *unless by special arrangement.*

REMITTANCE.

The Corporation undertake to remit money to Europe by each Overland Mail free of charge.

Parties are requested to make all Orders or Hoondies payable to "*The Oriental Bank Corporation or Order,*" and to state distinctly the name and address of the person to whom the Remittance is to be made. (*If to a Lady, her Christian name or names in full,*) and the sight at which the Bills are to be drawn.

COMMISSION

The rate of Commission charged by this Agency on the purchase or sale of Government Securities negotiable in Bombay, is ¼ per cent. on the amount invested or realised, and on the collection of Bills, one per cent. and Postage.

The Corporation take charge of Government Paper, Shares in the Bank of Bombay, and other local Stocks, free of all charges, and will draw Interest and Dividends on the same as they fall due, on the following terms:—

If to be remitted through the Corporation ..... Without charge.
If to be paid in India, a Commission will be charged of ..... ¼ per cent.
On returning Government Paper out of safe custody ..... ¼ per cent.
Do. ..... ½ per cent.
Saturdays ..... 10 to 4 o'clock.
Do. ..... 10 to 1 do.

KURRACHEE SUB-AGENCY.

Messrs. Finlay and Co. will grant Drafts on the Corporation & negotiate Bills payable in London and Bombay.

Bombay 7th May 1863.

THE BANK OF HINDUSTAN, CHINA, AND JAPAN, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL ONE MILLION STERLING, IN 10,000 SHARES OF £100 EACH.

Head Office—16, *Cornhill, London.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.
JAMES NUGENT DANIELL, Esq.

Deputy-Chairman.
RICHARD SPOONER, Esq., (late Commissioner of Customs, Bombay.)
WILLIAM FREDERICK BARING, Esq.
THOMAS COTTERELL, Esq.
J. HENRY REYNELL DE CASTRO, Esq.
PHILIP SHORE FLETCHER, Esq.
WILLIAM HARRISON, Esq.
DEANE J. HOARE, Esq.
HENRY YOUNG, Esq., (late Chief Secretary to the Government, Bombay.)

Bankers.
LONDON.....The Bank of England.
Do. .....The Alliance Bank of London & Liverpool, (Limited,) 5, Lothbury.
LIVERPOOL .....The Alliance Bank of London & Liverpool, (Limited.) "The Albany."
SCOTLAND.....The National Bank of Scotland.
IRELAND .....The National Bank.

The Bombay Branch has been opened for business in the premises lately occupied by the Bank of Bombay.

The Manager grants drafts at the following rates of Exchange:—

On London or Liverpool at 6 months' sight		2s.	0¼d. per Rup.
"	"	4	do.	2s. 0¼d. do.
"	"	3	do.	2s. 0¼d. do.
"	"	2	do.	2s. 0¼d. do.
"	"	1	do.	2s. 0d. do.
"	"	On demand		
On Scotland		do.		1s. 11¾d. do.
On Ireland		do.		

Drafts on the *Bank of England*, on *Scotland* or *Ireland* are issued payable on *demand* only.

To prevent disappointment to persons at a distance who may purchase the Bank's Bills on Europe, the Manager will, whenever so desired, forward the first of exchange direct on being furnished with the address of the person to whom the Bill is to be sent. *In all instances where a Bill is required in favor of a lady, her Christian name must be given in full.*

The Bank is prepared to negociate drafts payable in London or Liverpool, and will also purchase or grant Bills payable in Calcutta.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 2 per cent. per annum on balance exceeding Rs. 500 and not more than 50,000, and 1 per cent. per annum on balances exceeding Rs. 300 and not more than Rs. 500.

Interest is not allowed on balances of more than Rs. 50,000 except by special arrangement.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Subject to 12 months' notice of withdrawal 6 per cent per annum.

do.	9	do.	do.	5½	do. do.
do.	6	do.	do.	5	do. do.
do.	4	do.	do.	4½	do. do.
do.	3	do.	do.	4	do. do.

Notice of withdrawal may be given either when the money is deposited or at any future time, if the deposit be taken in the Bank's funds at Government Securities, the notice of withdrawal will *generally* be dispensed with.

The Bank reserves to itself the right of paying off or of modifying the terms of Fixed Deposits, on giving one month's notice.

Deposits of Rs. 100 and not exceeding Rs. 50,000 are received by the Bank subject to 15 days' notice of withdrawal on which no interest is allowed thereon at 2 per cent below the Bank of Bombay minimum rate of discount, rising or falling therewith, but in no case will a higher rate than 5 per cent. be allowed on Deposits of this class.

Unless money should have been lodged 15 days prior to the Notice of Withdrawal no interest will be allowed.

Government Paper and other Securities received for safe custody, and the interest remitted by the Bank's draft free of charge.

The Bank will procure enfacement of Government Paper on account of Constituents, and forward the same to the Head Office without charge.

It is particularly requested that all orders or Hoondees may be made payable to, and all communications addressed

"*The Manager, Bank of Hindustan, (Limited,) Bombay.*"

R. E. W. BAKER, Manager.

Rampart Row, 7th April 1863.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

EXCHANGE.

THE Bank grants Drafts on London, and on Scotland and Ireland, also Circular Notes negotiable in Egypt, Syria, and the principal Towns of Europe, at the following current rates of Exchange:—

On London, at 6 months' sight		2s.	0¼d. per Rupee.
"	4	do.	2s. 0¼d. "
"	3	do.	2s. 0¼d. "
"	2	do.	2s. 0¼d. "
"	1	do.	2s. "
"	On demand		1s. 11¾d. "
On Scotland		do.	1s. 11¾d. "
On Ireland		do.	1s. 11¾d. "
Circular Notes for the use of Travellers on the Continent and to Europe, Overland at 1 day's sight			1s. 11¾d. "

Drafts at 6 months' sight are not granted for less than £50 and amounts under £20 are only drawn for payable on demand.

The Bank also purchases Bills and grants Drafts payable in Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, Singapore, Penang, and Manilla.

Bills collected at any of the above places at an uniform charge including postages, of one per cent.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts	2 per cent.
Deposits for 3 months	3 "
Do. do. 6 do.	4 "
Do. do. 12 do.	6 "

No interest allowed on Current Account Balances under Rs. 1,000 on or over Rs. 50,000 unless by special agreement No cheques paid or cash received under Rs. 20.

COMMISSION.

The Bank takes charge of Government Securities, Shares in Banks and other Companies without charge, and realizes Interest and Dividends thereon on the following terms:—

If to be remitted in the Bank's Drafts, without charge.
If to be paid in India, a Commission will be charged of ¼ per cent.
On returning Government Paper, or Share Certificates out of safe custody, or when sold on paying the proceeds of such sale in India, a Commission, will be charged of ¼ per cent. But if proceeds are remitted on the Bank's Drafts, without charge.
Commission charged on purchase and sale of Government Securities and Shares ¼ per cent.

R. D. PEEBLES,
Bombay, 8th May 1863. Agent.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

Incorporated by National Decrees of 7th and 8th March 1848, *and by Imperial Decree of 20th July* 1854.

PAID-UP-CAPITAL.—Francs 40,000,000 (£1,600,000.)
RESERVE FUND.—Francs 8,350,000 (£334,000.)

Head Office—14 *Rue Bergère, Paris.*
Agencies at Bombay, Calcutta, Shanghai, and Bourbon (Reunion).

London Bankers.
UNION BANK OF LONDON; MESSRS. C. J. HAMBRO AND SON.

BOMBAY AGENCY,
Offices—23, *Rampart Row.*

THIS Agency grants Drafts and Letters of Credit, and purchases or collects Bills on the abovementioned places; as also on the principal Towns of Continental Europe, on Madras, Pondicherry, Karrachee, Ceylon, Mauritius, Singapore, Hongkong, Sydney and Melbourne.

EXCHANGE.

Drafts granted as follows:—

On London 6 months' sight		2s.	0¼d. per Rp.
"	3 Do.	Do.	2s. 0d. "
"	On Demand		1s. 11¾d. "
On France 6 months' sight		frs.	2-56 cts.
"	3 Do.	Do.	" 2-53 "
"	On Demand		" 2-50 "

DEPOSITS.

Interest at 2 per cent. per annum allowed on Current Deposits when not less than Rs. 1000, nor exceeding Rs. 50,000, for fixed periods as may be specially arranged.

DISCOUNTS, LOANS, &c.

The Agency discounts approved Local Bills, grants Loans on Government Paper, Bullion, Bank Stock, and approved Shares and other Securities.

Any further information as to rates of business, &c. may be had at the Office, or on application by letter to the undersigned, to whom all remittances are to be made payable.

T. H. R. DAVISON, Acting Manager.

Bombay, 25th March 1863.

THE AGRA AND UNITED SERVICE BANK, (LIMITED.)

ESTABLISHED IN INDIA, 1833.

Incorporated by Royal Charter.

HEAD OFFICE.....LONDON.
BRANCHES AT CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, MADRAS, AGRA, LAHORE, KURRACHEE, UMRITSUR, SHANGHAI, HONG-KONG, EDINBURGH, and SYDNEY.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £2,000,000 (TWO MILLIONS STERLING.)
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,900,000 (ONE MILLION STERLING.)
RESERVED FUND, £194,538 17s. 8d. Rs. 19,26,568 13as. 4p.

The Bombay Manager grants drafts on London on demand and at from one to six month's sight; also Circular Notes negotiable in Egypt and the Continent of Europe.

The following are the current rates of Exchange:—

On London at 6 months' sight		2s.	0¼d.
"	4 months' sight	2s.	0¾d.
"	3 months' sight	2s.	0¼d.
"	2 months' sight	2s.	0¾d.
"	1 month's sight	2s.	
"	On demand	1s.	11¾d.
Circular Notes		1s.	11¾d.

The London General Manager will generally, if desired, be prepared to discount the Bank's Bills at the current rate of the day.

The Bank purchases Bills and grants Drafts payable at Calcutta, Agra, Madras, Lahore, Kurrachee, Umritsur, Hong-Kong, Shanghai, and Sydney.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

1. On Floating, or Current Deposits, payable on demand of not less than Rs. 1,000 or more than Rs. 50,000, 2 per cent. per annum.

2. On fixed Deposits at 3 months' notice, 3 per cent. per annum.

3. On Fixed Deposits at 6 months' notice, 4 per cent. per annum.

4. On Fixed Deposits at 12 months' notice, 5 per cent. per annum.

Fixed Deposits may generally be availed of for the Bank's Bills on London without notice.

Notice of withdrawal can be given at the time of depositing the money, or at any time thereafter.

Interest is credited in Deposit accounts half-yearly.

No Interest allowed on Current Account Balances over Rs. 50,000, unless by special agreement.

The Funds of all public bodies connected with the Services and of such Private Societies as the Directors may consider eligible for the same privilege, will be received by the Bank at its highest rate of interest for the time being subject to modified conditions.

The Bank reserves to itself the right of paying off all interest Deposits, and of modifying the terms thereof, on giving one month's notice.

Parties making remittances to the Bank should specify distinctly the Account or Accounts to which the same are to be credited. *Accuracy in this respect is particularly desirable*

COMMISSION.

The Bank takes charge of Government Securities, Shares in Banks and other Companies without charge, and realizes the Interest and Dividends, for which a charge will be made of ¼ per cent.

On returning Government Paper or other Securities out of safe custody, a charge will be made of ¼ per cent.

On the purchase or sale of Government Securities and Bank or other Stock, ¼ per cent.

To obviate disappointment to parties at a distance purchasing the Bank's Bills on England, which might reach them too late for despatch by first Mail, it is hereby notified that the Bank will, whenever so requested, transmit the first of Exchange direct, on being furnished with the correct address of the party at Home to whom the remittance is to be sent.

All Orders or Hoondies should be made payable to the Manager of the Agra & U. S. Bank, (Limited), or order, and the letters enclosing them should state distinctly the name of the person to whom the Remittance is to be made (*if to a Lady her Christian name or names in full,*) and the sight at which the Bills are to be drawn.

NOTICE.—The Bank will obtain registry of Promissory Notes of the several Loans of the Indian Government, and Enfacement for payment of the Interest in London.

Drafts for interest on such Government Promissory Notes, on the Treasuries of Calcutta and Madras, will be received for encashment at current rates of Exchange, or for realization in India, at the Head Office of the Bank in London, where constituents can also deposit their securities for safe custody.

Parties are requested to address "*The Manager of the Agra and United Service Bank, (Limited), Bombay*" and to make all orders or Hoondies payable to him.

A Branch of the Bank has been lately established at Sydney, New South Wales, (Mr. Alexander Campbell, Manager) for the transaction of business in all its Branches.

H. B. MACCULLOCH, Manager.

Bombay, 8th May 1863.

CENTRAL BANK OF WESTERN INDIA.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts above Rs. 1,000 and, not exceeding Rs. 50,000, repayable on demand, at 2 per cent per annum.

On Deposits for 3 months certain 3 per cent per annum.
Do. " 6 " " 5 " "
Do. " 12 " " 6 " "

EXCHANGE.

Bills on London, at 6 months' sight 2s. 0¼d. per Rupee.
Ditto at 4 ditto 2s. 0¾d. do.
Ditto at 3 ditto 2s. 0¾d. do.
Ditto at 2 ditto 2s. 0¾d. do.
Ditto at 1 ditto 2s. 0d. do.
Ditto on demand ditto 1s. 11¾d. do.

Drafts at 6 months' sight are not granted for less than £5. and amounts under £20 are only drawn for payable on demand

COMMISSION.

On the sale or purchase of Government and other Securities 5 per cent. on the amount realised or invested.

The Bank receives Government and other Securities for safe custody, free of charge, the Interest or Dividends thereon being credited to account or remitted home in the Bank's Bills, no without charge.

On Interest or Dividends, or on proceeds of Securities by Sale, ½ per cent Commission charged, if the amounts be paid in India, remitted home by the Bank, no commission charged.

On returning Securities out of safe custody ½ per cent. Commission

Hours of business .....10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Saturdays.....10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

EDWIN HEYCOCK,
Bombay, 15th May 1863. Manager.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

Office—No. 29, Threadneedle St., London.
Paid-up Capital—£644,000.
London Bankers, { The Bank of England. The City Bank.
Branches and Agencies at
Bombay, Calcutta, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, and Rangoon.

BOMBAY AGENCY.

EXCHANGE.

THE Bank's Agency in Bombay grants Bills of Exchange on THE CITY BANK, London, at the following rates viz.:—

6 month's sight (not under £50) at	2s.	0¼d. per Rupee.	
4 Do.	at	2s.	0¾d. "
3 Do.	at	2s.	0¾d. "
2 Do.	at	2s.	0¾d. "
1 Do.	at	2s.	0 1/16d. "
On demand	at	2s.	"

DEPOSITS.

Interest is allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at 2 per cent. per annum, on the daily balance, and, and on Fixed Deposits, as follows:—

Repayable in one sum, at 3 months' notice, 3 per cent.
Do. 6 do. 5 "
Do. 12 do. 6 "

No Interest allowed on Current Account Balances under Rs. 1,000 nor on Deposits above Rs. 50,000, unless by special arrangement.

REMITTANCE.

The Bank's Agency undertakes to realise Drafts or Hoondies on the Presidency without charge, for remittance to Europe in the Bank's Bills on the City Bank, London.

All Drafts, or Hoondies, forwarded for realisation, to be made payable to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, or order.

COMMISSION.

On the sale or purchase of Government Paper, Bank Stock and other Securities ¼ per cent. on the amount realised or invested.

The Bank receives Government and other Securities for safe custody, free of charge, the Interest or Dividends thereon being credited to account, or remitted home in the Bank's Bills.

On Interest or Dividends, or proceeds of Securities by sale ¼ per cent. if the amounts be paid in India, if remitted home by the Bank, no charge.

On delivering up of Securities, deposited for safe custody, ¼ per cent.

Office hours 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.; Saturdays 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

The Directors have recently opened an Agency of the Bank of Rangoon for the transaction of general Banking and Exchange Business.

ANTHONY MORRISON,
May 8th 1863. Agent.

Shipping.

BOMBAY.

ARRIVALS.

DATE.	SHIPS.	COMMANDERS.	FROM
May 27	Leocadie and Anna	Geoffroy	Bordeaux 9 Feb.
28	Shannon	Hemsworth	Aden 8 May.
	Dovercourt	Heigho.	

DEPARTURES.

DATE.	SHIPS.	COMMANDERS.	TO
May 28	Black Eagle	Bassett	Liverpool.
	Joachim Christian	Peters	Kurrachee.
	Typhoon	Steimitz	Havre.
	Elphinstone (s)	Taylor	Surat.

PASSENGERS SAILED.

Per Steamer *M. S. Elphinstone,* to Surat.—Captain and Mrs. Scott; Captain A. S. Hunter; Lieut. Stuart; and one hundred natives.

COMMENCED LOADING.

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—
Ship *Minna*, for Havre.
Ship *Glee Maiden*, for Liverpool.
Steamer *Maharaj*, for Malabar Coast.
Brig *Amanatool Currim*, for Cochin.

DAILY EXPORTS.

BOMBAY, THURSDAY, 28TH MAY 1863.

For London.

Conway.—54 bundles Columbia Root, 64 cwt., Jamsetjee Cursetjee and Co.

Europe for Liverpool.—1,406 bales Cotton, 1,406 cwt., Framjee Cowasjee and Co.

King of Italy.—110 bales Cotton, 385 cwt., S. Burstall and Co.

Princess Alexandra.—40 bales Cotton, 140 cwt., Bhimjee Nurrey; 250 bales Cotton, 876 cwt., Pemabhoy Hemabhoy.

General Simpson.—150 bales Wool, 450 cwt., Dinshaw Manockjee.

Rhea Sylvia.—100 bales Cotton, 350 cwt., Samjee Hamraz; 160 bales Cotton, 560 cwt., Vasunjee Amraz.

Crescent.—9 bales Cotton, 31½ cwt., Govindram Hurdutroy; 100 bales Cotton, 350 cwt., Mungesh Pandoorang.

South Carolina.—145 bales Cotton, 507½ cwt., Cooverjee Mowjee; 110 bales Cotton, 385 cwt., Mudum Pooja; 175 bales Cotton, 612½ cwt., Khutow Sewjee.

Brighton Hall.—58 bales Cotton, 192½ cwt., Govrie Girdhur; 1,000 bundles Sirseesood, 500 cwt., Khimjee Visram and Co.; 210 bales Cotton, 735 cwt., Mathooradass Vusunjee; 88 bales Cotton, 138 cwt., Roognath Ramdass; 77 bales Cotton, 269½ cwt., Mungesh Pandoorjee; 20 bales Cotton, 70 cwt.; 30 bales Wool, 90 cwt., Sewjee Nansy and Co.

Bavalan.—80 bales Cotton, 280 cwt., Bhanjee Jewraze

Culloden.—109 bales Cotton, 381½ cwt., Monarjee Bhimjee; 80 bales Cotton, 280 cwt., Lookmanje. Keverjee; 55 bales Cotton, 192½ cwt., B. Lalla.

Bulwark.—110 bales Cotton, 385 cwt., MulljeeRuttonsy; 300 bales Cotton, 1,050 cwt., Wm. Nicol & Co.

Saravak.—130 bales Cotton, 455 cwt., Luckumsy Sewjee; 100 bales Cotton, 350 cwt., Jaysingbhoy Huttayaing; 65 bales Cotton, 227½ cwt., Jaffan Hemraz; 260 bales Cotton, 1,225 cwt., Premchund Raychund; 105 bales Cotton, 367½ cwt., Goculdass Tezpall.

Tim Whiffler.—118 bales Cotton, 389½ cwt., Macnee and Co.; 215 bales Cotton, 752½ cwt., Stearns, Hobart and Co.; 211 bales Cotton, 738½ cwt., Stoehr, Prieger and Co.; 100 bales Cotton, 297½ cwt., Bhimraz Nunsee.

Ambrose.—300 bales Cotton, 1,050 cwt., Tickumjee Velljee and Co.

Forgnahall.—160 bales Cotton, 560 cwt., Casumbhoy Nathabhoy Sons and Co.; 60 bales Cotton, 210 cwt., Sobhagchund Rehachund.

Venus.—115 bales Cotton, 402½ cwt., Davedass Curumdass; 49 bales Cotton, 171½ cwt., Jugjeevandass Samuldass; 60 bales Cotton, 210 cwt., Jaychund Sobhagchund; 210 bales Cotton, 735 cwt., Ranchore Megjee; 225 bales Cotton, 787½ cwt., Munsookbhoy Bhugoobhoy; 150 bales Cotton, 525 cwt., Gourdhun Purootum.

Euphrates.—300 bags Sirseesood, 450 cwt., Dewjee Muckany; Loose Bones, 100 cwt., Edward Bates & Co.

Clifton Belle.—300 bales Cotton, 1,050 cwt., Dulputbhoy Bhugoobhoy; 350 bales Cotton, 1,226 cwt., Woomersy Velljee and Co.

Giles Maiden.—500 bales Cotton, 1,750 cwt; S. Pinto and Co.; 400 bales Cotton, 1,400 cwt., Nowrojee Edulje and Co.

Henry Fernie.—600 bales Cotton, 2,100 cwt., A. Bell and Co.

North.—105 bales Wool, 315 cwt., Goculdass Lilladhur; 332 bales Cotton, 1,269 cwt., A. Bell and Co.

Sir Charles Napier.—200 bales Cotton, 700 cwt., Bhimjee Girdhur and Co.; 80 bales Cotton, 280 cwt., Gelia Girdhur.

Albion.—210 bales Cotton, 735 cwt., Jewraz Megjee and Co.

Duncarrin.—150 bales Cotton, 525 cwt., Nozerwanjee Manockjee.

Matheran.—555 bags Rapeseed, 832½ cwt., S. and H. Nathabhoy.

Pharamond.—150 bales Cotton, 525 cwt., Megjee Mooljee and Co.

British India.—317 bundles Linseed, 158 cwt., Mallajee Sewjee.

Dewahs Castle.—Loose Guana Crusts, 10 tons, J. P. Cursetjee and Co.

Sea Maids.—110 bales Cotton, 385 cwt., Mohamed Hamjee.

For Havre.

Mina.—200 bales Cotton, 700 cwt., Jeathabhoy Sewjee.

For Hongkong.

Steamer *China.*—25 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, David Sassoon and Co.: 29 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Dhurumsy Poonjabhoy.

For Shanghae.

Steamer *China.*—5 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Dhurumsy Poonjabhoy; 6 chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, N. J. Aralun.

LIST OF VESSELS OF THE BOMBAY MARINE.

VESSELS.	STATIONS.
1. Ajdaha	Bombay Harbour.
2. Coromandel	Kurrachee.
3. Dalhousie (in dock)	
4. Goolanar	
5. Hugh Rose	Bombay Harbour.
6. Snake	
7. Zenobia	

VESSELS IN BOMBAY HARBOUR.

[c.l. signifies commenced loading."]

FOR LONDON.

1191	Conway, C. Spence—W. Nicol & Co.	(c. l. May 11)
724	Merwanjee, Mathers—Blackwell & Co.	
1047	Mystery, Stay—Ewart Latham & Co.	(c. l. May 23)
1040	Patterson, Lamble—Forbes & Co.	(c. l. March 23)
1236	Prince Consort, Aitchinn—Lawrence & Co.	(c. l. April 2)
1107	Scotland, Campbell—W. Nicol & Co.	
535	Wellington, G. Ditchburn—Forbes & Co.	(c. l. April 29)

FOR LIVERPOOL.

1559	Africana, Hatfield—Robinson & Co.	(c. l. May 6)
1127	Albion, Thompson.	(c. l. May 13)
862	Ambrose, Daniell—Souza Pinto & Co.	(l. c. May 5)
1046	Americana, Potts MacNee & Co.	(c. l. May 14)
1042	Bavelaw, Hughes—Souza Pinto & Co.	(c. l. April 29)
551	Bolton Lawr, Robinson—Robinson & Co.	(c. l. May 6)
1246	British India—Ritchie, Steuart & Co.	(c. l. May 13)
1459	Broughton Hall, W. Tale—Leckie & Co.	(c. l. April 23)
1332	Bulwark, Binmantyne—W. Nicol & Co.	(c. l. April 30)
1065	Canadian, Welburn—Coupland & Co.	(c. l. April 24)
1081	Clifton Belle, B. Bustin—Coupland & Co	(c. l. May 19)
133	Crescent, English—F. Chambers.	(c. l. April 23)
1156	Culloden, Smith—Dirom Hunter & Co.	(c. l. April 29)
848	Dalkeith, Waugh—Ritchie, Steuart & Co.	(c. l. May 21)
666	Douglas Castle—Ritchie Steuart & Co.	(c. l. May 12)
661	Duke of Wellington—Finlay, Clarke & Co.	(c.l. April 15)
1303	Duncairn, Finlay—MacNee & Co.	(c. l. May 30)
1540	Empire of Peace, J. Shaw—Lawrence & Co.	(c. l. May 22)
617	Euphrates, Gwyther—E. Bates & Co.	(c. l. May 14)
212	Excellent, Davies—Lawrence & Co.	(c. l. May 13)
1986	Fleur de Lis, Taylor—Remington & Co.	(l. c. May 5)
1194	Fleeting Light, Stackhouse—Stackhouse & Co.	
069	Forganhall, Guthrie—Cornforth & Co.	(c. l. May 12)
1121	General Simpson, Coxhead—R. Scovell & Co.	(c. l. April 13)
1349	Glee Maiden, Marshall—Souza, Pinto & Co.	(c.l. May 28)
1124	Havelock, Gandy—Rennie, Scovell & Co.	(c. l. March 17)
1549	Henry Fernie, —Ashburner, Bell & Co.	(c. l. April 15)
1117	Henry Moore—W. & A. Graham & Co.	(c. l. April 27)
1596	John Lyon, Browning—Lawr

Island. It is just under the surface of the water, and in calm weather presents exactly the appearance described in Horsburgh, "the central part of a very brown colour, declining to a pale green around." The least swell breaks on it.

Doubtful Reef.—Of Horsburgh does not appear on the Admiralty Charts; and we saw nothing of such a danger when near its position.

Barren Rock.—E. by S. ¾ S. 7¼ miles from Victory Island, in Lat. 1° 31′ 50″ N., Long. 106° 25′ 35″ E., is a whitish rock 80 feet high, about a cable's length in size, with deep water all around it.

Tides, Weather, &c.—As we were constantly shifting our surveying ground, we had no good opportunity for obtaining a series of tide observations. Such as we were able to procure were so irregular that no general conclusion could be formed from them. We observed, however, during the S. W. Monsoon—from the middle of July to the middle of September; and also in the month of December during the N. E. Monsoon, that Tides set to windward every day against the prevailing current, although they were uncertain as to commencement and time of duration.

The weather was very fine and the winds generally light. Ships would frequently shorten their passages through this part of the China Sea if they kept a kedge ready to let go during light airs and calms, and when both current and tide would otherwise be setting them back over the ground they had with difficulty gained. We saw several vessels set back in this way.

Concluding Remarks.—All the above Islands, like most others in the tropics, are covered with a dense vegetation, and have generally white sandy beaches, upon which turtle and the iguana may frequently be found.

The Islands of the St. Esprit group and others are occasionally visited by small parties of Malays for the purpose of catching turtle.

The only Islands permanently inhabited are those of the Tambelan group, all of which have a few Malays upon them. The village in the bay of the great Tambelan contains about five hundred inhabitants, but vessels cannot get any supplies there. We found the greatest difficulty in procuring a few fowls, &c., for our use while employed on the Survey.

JOHN WM. REED, Master, R. N., In charge of Chinay Sea Survey.

H. M.'s Surveying Vessel Rifleman, Singapore, 6th March 1863.

W. F. MARRIOTT, Lieut. Col., Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to publish, for general information, the following Balance Sheet received from the Committee of Management of the Government Savings' Bank:—

Balance Sheet of the Bombay Government Savings' Bank for the Official year 1861-62.

Dr.			
To amount due to 7431 Depositors	16,69,909	2	8
To amount due to Government. ...	3,591	10	1
„ Balances under one Rupee consolidated	81	9	0
Rupees...	16,73,582	5	9
Cr.			
By Cash in Government Treasury Bombay Bank.....	16,69,242	8	6
By Cash in Bank	4,035	15	10
By overpayment (since recovered).	120	0	0
By suspense account (since adjusted)	183	13	5
Rupees...	16,73,582	5	9

J. CHRISTIE,
Secretary Government Savings' Bank.
E. FREEBORN,
Actuary Government Savings' Bank.
Examined and found correct.
J. L. HYNES.
J. COLEBROOK.

Bombay Government Savings' Bank, 30th April 1862.

By order.
H. L. ANDERSON,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle, 27th May 1863.

Births, Marriages, & Deaths.

No notice of a Domestic Occurrence can be inserted unless authenticated by the name and address of the sender.

BIRTHS.

At Cinnamara, Upper Assam, on the 8th May, the wife of Mr. D. P. Skipton, of a son.

At Kissengunge, Nuddea, on the 9th May, the wife of Mr. H. P. Rashton, of a daughter.

DEATH.

At Calcutta, on the 18th May, Captain Herbert Henry Moseley, late of H. M.'s 42nd Royal Highlanders, aged 28 years.

Post Office Notices.

OVERLAND MAIL.

THE Overland Mail per P. and O. Company's Steamer "BRANDER," will be closed on TUESDAY, the 9th June 1863, at 7 o'clock A.M. An AfterePacket will be kept open, on payment of the usual Fee of 2 annas (which must be prepaid by Stamps) until 8 o'clock A.M. Registered Letters will be received until 6 P.M. of the previous day.

POSTAGE:

Weight under ½ ounce...	*Vid Marseilles.* Rs. 0	6	0	*Vid Southampton.*		
„ ½ „ ..... „	0	8	0	Rs.	0	4	0
„ 2 „ ..... „	0	14	0	.....		
„ 1 „ ..... „	1	0	0		0	8	0
„ 2 „ ..... „	2	0	0	„	1	0	0

SCINDE MAILS.

The Mails for KURRACHEE and SCINDE per steamer, will be closed 12 hours after the arrival of the Overland Mail.

MAILS TO MUSCAT VIA KURRACHEE.

Mails from Bombay for Muscat will in future be sent *via* Kurrachee by the Mid-monthly and other Steamers to that place, and thence forwarded by Bagla to Muscat, when Steamers are not available.

ZANZIBAR MAIL.

A Mail for Zanzibar will be made up at this Office and despatched *viâ* Aden (except in June, July, and August), by the last Overland Steamer of each month. The usual Steam postage must be prepaid.

MAILS FOR ZANZIBAR.

A MAIL FOR ZANZIBAR per Ship "NADER SHAH," will be made up and closed at this office, at 5 P.M. on FRIDAY, the 29th instant.

MAILS FOR THE MALABAR COAST.

The Mails for the Malabar Coast per Steamer "MAHARAJ," (which will touch at Vingorla, Goa, Sedaseughur, Mangalore, Cannanore, Calicut, and Cochin), will be closed on MONDAY next, the 1st proximo, at 2 P.M.

DELIVERY OF MAILS.

As it is necessary under orders from the Secretary to the London General Post Office, that the Overland Mails from Bombay be always on board the Contract Steamers before 10 A.M., and as the dates of departure will, in future, fall on the same days with those of the China Mails, the public are hereby informed that the first or morning delivery of local Mails will not be made on those days until after 10 A.M.

REVISED MEMORANDUM OF DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL OF OVERLAND AND CHINA MAILS DURING THE YEAR 1863.

FOR ENGLAND (during the Monsoon,) 9th and 24th at 7 A.M.

FOR CHINA, AND FOR AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.—14 and 29—9 A.M.

FOR SIND.—About 10 and 26—12 hours after the arrival of the Overland Mail.

MUSCAT AND PERSIAN GULF.—28th Sept. and 10th Nov. after the arrival of the Overland Mail.

CALENDAR.—MAY—JUNE, 1863.

Full Moon.....Tuesday 2d. 4h. 20.7m. A.M.
Last Quarter.....Monday 8d. 6h. 43.1m. P.M.
New Moon.....Tuesday 16d. 7h. 27.3m. P.M.
First Quarter.....Wednesday 24d. 3h. 22.4m. P.M.

Days.	Date.	Sundays, Festivals, &c.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets.	High Water Bombay Harbour Morn.		Evening Gun-Fire
			h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Fri.	29	Saturn rises at 1.24.	5 23	6 31	7 53	8 24	
Sat.	30	Saturn sets at 1.36.	5 23	6 31	8 51	9 10	
Sun.	31	Trinity Sunday.	5 23	6 32	9 17	9 43	
Mon.	1	Nicomede, M.	5 23	6 32	10	8	10 33
Tues.	2	Daybreak at 4h. 0m.	5 23	6 32	10 57	11 30	
Wed.	3	Twilight ends at 7.55	5 23	6 33	11 45	0 6	
Thur.	4	Corpus Christi.	5 23	6 33	0 34	0 57	

Date 27th May. Time—9h. 1m. 27s.

CHRONOLOGY OF REMARKABLE EVENTS.

Friday 29th.—Restoration of Charles II., 1660.
Saturday 30th.—General Peace, 1814.
Sunday 31st.—Alexander Pope died, 1744.—The Shajehanpore Massacre, 1857.
Monday 1st.—Battle of Arnee, 1782.—Lord Howe defeated the French Fleet, 1791.
Tuesday 2nd.—£10,000 voted to Dr. Jenner for his discovery of Vaccination, 1802.—Severe Earthquake at Erzeroum, 1,500 persons perished, 1859.
Wednesday 3rd.—Treaty of Peace signed at Paris, 1814.
Thursday 4th.—George III. born, 1738.—British Institution founded, 1805.—Leopold crested King of Belgium, 1831.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

List of undelivered Messages on the 28th May.

From Calicut Malabar to Joocakoo Mahomed Sookroy, Ahmedabad to Prince Grant Saddler, Kurrachee to Tulluckseo Dokara, Calicut Malabar to Govindjee Thayersey, Poona to Cornet Davies 3rd Dragoon Guards, Surat to Allee Mahomed Timber Merchant, Broach to Nusserwanjee Rustomjee, Cochin to Colonel Bell, Kurrachee to Mr. Cornish Preventice Service.

LATEST DATES RECEIVED IN BOMBAY.

ADEN	May 18	KURRACHEE	May 23
AGRA	May 16	LAHORE	May 13
ALLAHABAD	May 16	LONDON	May 4
AUSTRALIA	Mar 25	MAURITIUS	Apr 10
ALEXANDRIA	May 7	MADRAS	May 23
BANGALORE	May 22	MALTA	May 9
COCHIN	May 9	MEERUT	May 19
CALCUTTA	May 20	OUDH	May 16
CAPE	Mar 27	PUNJAUB	May 13
CEYLON	May 18	PENANG	May 9
DELHI	May 23	RANGOON	Apr 24
FRANCE	May 6	SUEZ	May 13
HONGKONG	Apr 29	SINGAPORE	May 7

The Publishing Office of the BOMBAY GAZETTE *has been* REMOVED *from this day to the* NEW HOUSE, No. 39, MEDOW STREET, *opposite Military Square.*

Bombay, 30th April 1863.

THE

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1863.

THE London *Times* of the 10th ultimo, in a sensible article on the waste lands of India, enters with considerable detail into the matter with the view of showing "upon how very slight and flimsy a foundation the alleged grievances of the men of Manchester rest." Strange to say, however, the conclusive proof worked out by the *Times* "that the outcry as to any obstacles thrown in the way of the purchase of the waste lands of India is without any solid foundation" has been arrived at without any reference whatever to the real obstructiveness of the rules for the sale of waste lands. The statement of the *Times* that the difference between the Secretary of State and the late Governor General resolves itself into two points—first, whether the Governor-General, by his mere fiat, without any legislative sanction, should deprive a man of his land because somebody has claimed to have it sold, and that claim has not been resisted within a period of thirty days; and second, whether the land is to be sold at a fixed price or by auction, is certainly only a partial statement of the real grievances of which capitalists complain. If it were, we do not see how it could reasonably be denied, that both good sense and law were clearly on the side of the ruler, and their framers.

The distinction between waste lands and lands merely lying waste is a real one, and one which, unless the Government of India was prepared to do wholesale injustice and brave the consequences, requires to be kept in view, and has actually been taken into view in Mr. Harington's Bill. There is probably much less of waste lands than of lands merely lying waste. The former, however, are not truly described as "lands remote, unhealthy and desolate, requiring much expenditure in labour and capital before they can be subdued to the use and convenience of man." There are waste lands through which the grand trunk lines of railway pass, and in really healthy districts; which, moreover, require only the burning of the rank grass that covers them, the turning over of the surface soil, and the sowing of oil seeds, in order to yield crops that would in the very first season pay all the expenses of thus subduing them to the use and convenience of man. With regard to the sale of all waste lands, it certainly should be the object of Government to make possession follow as quickly as possible upon the contract of purchase. And here we touch the real grievance of which capitalists desirous to invest in such lands have a right to complain. It is not what the *Times* states as the second of the two points into which the difference between the Secretary of State and the late Governor-General resolves itself, that the minister will have the waste land sold in all cases by auction, while the late Viceroy would have had it sold at a fixed price. Sale by auction would not necessarily cause any serious delay in making possession follow upon the contract of purchase. That which causes this delay is the real grievance, and that is the regulations relating to the survey of the land after application for it has been made and before possession of it is given. This matter of the survey the *Times* has not even alluded to. On all other points the views of the *Times* are excellent; and we should have been glad to see the views of the leading journal as lucidly stated on this point as they have been on the others embraced in this subject. We cannot doubt that the *Times* holds the same commonsense and practical views on this point as on the others. We find in India that when a capitalist actually makes an effort to obtain waste land, it is here that he finds himself obstructed—the survey regulations are an obstacle to his obtaining possession—which he cannot remove. He must deposit a sum of money which will cover the cost of a survey, without knowing when the survey will be made. It must be made by an Engineer officer of Government, and such an officer may not for a long time be available for the purpose. The capitalist, then, has to remain on the spot "in a waiting posture," and has to allow his deposit money to be idle, till the survey can be made. This is a real grievance; and what makes it all the more so is, that it is one that might so easily be remedied. A Civil Engineer came out to Madras some time ago for the express purpose of purchasing waste land on which to settle as a cultivator. After searching for and finding eligible land, he could go no further on account of the rules relating to the survey. These rules were a bar which excluded him from the land which he wished to obtain and to subdue and cultivate. This grievance might easily be removed. The mode of doing it has been pointed out by Sir C. Trevelyan in the Legislative Council of the Governor General. It is to have the most eligible wastes surveyed at once by the officers of Government, that is, surveyed at the expense of Government, and a description of them placed for public inspection in the office of Public Works. Intending purchasers may then select the land they want, and the lot may be sold either by auction or at a price fixed by Government, and the purchaser charged with the cost of the survey. This would avoid all unnecessary delay, and thus remove the real and only grievance of which "the men of Manchester" may reasonably complain.

The *Times* makes a very proper allusion to Mr. Harington's Bill. This Bill will restrain Government from doing wrong, and save it from the consequences of injustice. There is much land in the country merely lying waste, which "although desolate, is the subject of private property." The cultivation of these lands has been abandoned by their owners from various causes. In some cases it has actually been the bad government of the district which has driven the owners of land out of it. With a rigorous and efficient Government to protect life and property, make proper roads, and afford facilities to the cultivators for finding new markets for their produce, owners would rapidly enough return and claim their lands. It is to prevent the possibility of injustice being done to this class of cultivators that Mr. Harington's Bill is proposed, and if it becomes law, it would certainly be effective in protecting their rights from confiscation in sales that might take place after the thirty days' notice.

THE Government of India has issued a notification, which we publish in another part of our paper, announcing that a commission will sit at Lucknow as soon as possible after the 1st of February 1864, to investigate the claims of the representatives of certain officers and gentlemen against the late Native Government of Oude: before which the claimants are required to produce such evidence as may exist in support of their claims. It would appear then, that these claims, some of which have been before every Governor General for the last fifty years, and occasionally before the Court of Directors as the highest Court of Appeal, and been invariably rejected, are yet to be gone into once more. We trust on this occasion with the chance of some compensation to the representatives of the claimants, some of whom must have spent a little fortune in seeking for the redress that hitherto they have been unable to obtain.

THE *Government Gazette* announces the appointment of Major W. L. Merewether, C.B., of the Bombay Staff Corps, as Political Resident at Aden.

THE net collections on account of Income Tax, of the Presidency of Bombay, during the month of April last, amounted to Rupees 3,20,896; and those of Stamp Revenue to Rupees 3,04,226.

A PARLIAMENTARY paper has just appeared which shows the number of arms, &c., sent to British North America, from December 1861, and ordered in consequence of the affair of the *Trent*. The paper shows that to Canada, Halifax, and New Burnswick, there were sent an aggregate of 44,829 rifles of the pattern of 1853; 2,500 smooth bore arms; 45,500 accoutrements; 2,276,500 ammunition; 40,000 great coats; and 25,940 blankets.

THE finding and sentence of the Court Martial on Lieutenant Jackson, late of the Royal Engineers, who was charged with the murder of a native, has now been officially published, and will be found in our military column. The Court found the prisoner guilty of "culpable homicide, but of culpable homicide not amounting to murder," and sentenced him to be kept in penal servitude for four years, which has been approved and confirmed by the Commander-in-Chief. The prisoner was ordered to be sent under military escort to Bombay. His name has been ordered to be struck off the rolls of the Royal Engineers from the 21st April last.

NEWS LETTERS.

KATTYWAR AFFAIRS.

I HAVE not much to write you about; but what there is, I must let you have. To begin with them: the Cooree business is settled, and I trust that the prices of grain will now soon go down. It has been ordered that at the end of a month, from this date, the Government Rupee is to be the current coin in Kattywar, excepting within the actual territories of those chiefs who have mints; and as they are only the Nawab of Joonaghur, the Jam of Noanugger, and the Rana of Forebunder, the circulation of Coorees will be but small. I have not heard whether the rate of the Coorees has been fixed in the territories of these Chiefs; but if it has not, I hope that the Political Agent will have it fixed. The people, at first, did not at all like the change; but when the different Vakeels at the Durbar the Political Agent held a meeting on the subject and found that those who would not introduce the Government coinage would have to look to the Chief whose coinage they chose acknowledged its justice and refer all their disputes to him, it had a wonderful effect in settling matters.

The Political Agent is leaving shortly to go to the coast on the Gulph of Cutch, to visit some bunders, about which there are some disputes between the Jain and the Rao of Cutch, and not to luxuriate at Ballacherrie as former Politicals used to do. He will be absent about 10 or 15 days, I fancy, in all; and I hope the trip will set him up, for the hard work he has had lately has pulled him down a little. His Excellency the Governor, I hear, has sent an answer to the Queen-Mother of Joonaghur, and I hope it will be a satisfactory one, and show her that Government wish to bring about a reconciliation between her and her son, and that they do not approve of the conduct of those who were the cause of the present discord in her family. The answer came through the post; and the Post Master, I hear, could get no one to take the letter for Her Majesty, as she has no vakeel here. It was taken to Annundjee, who was at first, I hear, willing to take it; but when he found that he would have to give a receipt for it, he declined to have anything to do with it, for reasons best known to himself. I hear that Major Keatinge said to Annundjee the other day, before several natives, that he ought to become the Dewan of Joonaghur. I can hardly believe this, or if it was said, it must, I should fancy, have been so ironically, and never meant to be considered as in earnest, for he, I should fancy, is too well acquainted with the character of the man over to approve of his having anything whatever to do with any State; and I should imagine that, even though the Joonaghur authorities were willing to make him Dewan (which they are not), that the Political Agent would not sanction such a measure until things have been enquired into.

You will notice in the *Gazette* I send you, that the Political Agent is introducing a good measure in making the Chiefs either sign their communications with their names, or else making their Karbarees sign; by this means they will hereafter be unable to deny any paper that may be sent, but which, with the present system, they could easily do, and say that they had not sent it, but that some person at enmity with them had done it.

Major Anderson, you will also notice, has found time to cultivate exotic cotton, and to acclimatise some which is now for disposal gratis. It is really very gratifying and satisfactory to find officers who interest themselves in improving the country in the way this officer has done; and I hope Government will encourage their officers in adopting measures of this kind, and notice favourably all who in their leisure hours do so.

Strong southerly winds have been blowing lately, and clouds are gathering up, denoting signs of an early monsoon.

The Districts, 23rd May 1863. FASSENACLOID.

(From the Kattywar Political Agency Gazette, May 21.)

CIRCULAR No. 8 OF 1863.

TO ALL THE ASSISTANTS IN KATTYWAR.

1. I occasionaly experience considerable difficulty in deciphering the original notes and orders passed by my predecessors in office and their Assistants, on the old Attachment Cases which are now under investigation. These notes are of very great value, as many of them were made years ago, when facts were fresh in the memory of persons who are now dead.

2. I therefore request that you will, whenever it is practicable, have fair copies prepared of any English papers of interest connected with these cases, and of your own report and final order. Should no writer of the Agency be available, there is no objection to your paying for the work from the sums in deposit on account of the estate.

3. The rate paid should not if possible exceed the following:—

One Rupee for three sheets or twelve pages, each page to have thirty lines, and each line to contain seven words on an average. If written in a good legible hand, 1½ Rupee for the same amount of work.

R. H. KEATINGE, Political Agent.

Kattywar Political Agency, Rajkote, 10th April 1863.

CIRCULAR No. 9 OF 1863.

To the Chiefs of KATTYWAR with First and Second Class Jurisdiction.

1. I have had the pleasure of receiving several letters which I believe to be from you, and I shall always derive great pleasure from maintaining an amicable correspondence with you; but I am forced to request you to make one change in your letters, as without it I have no guarantee that they are genuine.

2. I remark that you do not sign your names at the end of letters you address to me. This omisson is, I believe, in conformity with an ancient usage; but it is exceedingly inconvenient, and it is contrary to the custom of all civilized nations.

3. In addressing you I sign my name in full, adding my official designation; you have thus a guarantee that the document is original, and my duty to Government makes it incumbent upon me to request you to give me an equal advantage in any future official communications that may pass between us.

4. I do not desire to give you any extra trouble in conducting business with this Agency, and shall consequently not object to receive letters from your acknowledged ministers when signed by them, if you should wish to make them the channel of communication; but I cannot for the future receive official communications without a signature.

R. H. KEATINGE, Political Agent.

Kattywar Political Agency, Rajkote, 13th April 1863.

To MAJOR R. H. KEATINGE,
Political Agent.

SIR,—I have the honor to request that you will inform me whether, in your opinion, it is incumbent upon the Assistants in charge of Districts to entertain petitions relating to Jeewaee, or maintenance of widows, or to adjudicate upon the disputes that so frequently arise between two surviving widows of a deceased Talookdar or Grassia.—I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

G. G. B. COULSON,
First Assistant Political Agent.

Camp Palyad, 13th April 1863.

No 143 OF 1863.

To G. G. B. COULSON, Esq.,

1. SIR,—In reply to your letter of 13th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I think it better that no questions of the sort should be entertained by the Assistants of this Agency; but that in cases of undoubted hardship which are forced upon their notice, in which the heir to an estate refuses to make provision for the family of his predecessor, the matter may be reported to the Political Agent.

2. I am exceedingly averse to any interference in such matters; any order or award passed by the Agency officers must be maintained, and the result is too often that the widows assume the place of guaranteed persons, and refuse obedience to the Chief.—I have &c.

R. H. KEATINGE, Political Agent.

Rajkote, 16th April 1863.

NOTICE.

Major Anderson, Superintendent Gaekwar Contingent, has succeeded in acclimatizing Egyptian Cotton-seed at Manickwarra, and has now several maunds of seed for disposal *gratis* to such cultivators as may wish to grow this species of cotton, which has been pronounced, by competent judges, to be of superior quality to the native indigenous cotton, and also fetches a higher price in the market.

Early application should be made to the head gardener at Manickwarra by those requiring seed, and all information regarding its cultivation will be freely given at the same time.

W. W. ANDERSON, Major,
Supt. Gaekwar Contingent.

Camp at Koreenar, 9th May 1863.

NOTICE.

The following rewards are offered by Chiefs and Talookdars for the apprehension of the undermentioned Bharwuttias.

Shapore—Grassia Callajee offers 100 Rupees reward for the apprehension of Sootar Bhanjee Bharwuttia, out against Rajkote.

Moolecla—Grassia Dadajee Hateeby, offers 600 Rupees, or 100 for each of the following Bharwuttias:—

1 Doola,	4 Munio,
2 Sutto,	5 Jethee,
3 Humjee.	6 Pancho.

The Rana of Porebunder offers the following sums for the capture of the undermentioned Bharwuttias:—

		Rs.
Mher	Ratria Maldhe.....	500
Do.	Do. Hurbhum.....	500
Do.	Geega	200
Do.	Dosa	200
Do.	Mungo	100
Do.	Kursun	100
Do.	Jodea	100
	Total...Rs.	1,700

His Highness the Gaekwar offers a reward of Rupees 1,000 for the capture of Muckwana Mala Lukmun, caste Khant, age 35, formerly resident of Ghatwar.

All these men are proclaimed outlaws; and all with the exception of Sootar Bhanjee, are charged with murder. Any one granting them protection, or in any way assisting them, will be liable to be tried before the Political Agent's Court and punished.

H. HEBBERT, Lieut.,
Acting 2nd Assistant.

Joonaghur, 1st May 1863.

JACOBABAD, 19*th May* 1863.

So Khodad Khan is dethroned, and a fugitive, and Sher Dil Khan, Khan of Khelat, is extremely anxious to be in good terms with the British. I believe he daily sends messages expressing good will, whilst his ambassador is also en route to the Political Agent here, to negotiate amicable arrangements. A commercial traveller into his territories is likely consequently to enjoy peculiar advantages. Then the question naturally suggests itself can any good come from Khelat? Of good goods, wool will, I think, always take the lead. The Khelat sheep itself might be advantageously introduced into India, although it would take some care and time to acclimatise, this it is fully worth. And then their horses are also superior, and good brood mares might be cheaply got from Khelat. Their principal faults are legginess, heaviness and straightness, in the shoulder and neck; slenderness below the knee, and deficiency in courage. But they are full bodied, and muscular, and not undersized like our indigenous stock. Khelat camels, dogs, and cats, are also highly prized; and these with horns, hides, hoofs, fruit, wine, and Sala misree ought to make quite a large frontier trade. Oil and indigo may be and are taken up from here but otherwise the return traffic (especially for money) may be safely taken at *nil*. By bartering with textile fabrics, in small quantity; a few silks and kincobs; a few watches; fire-arms; trinkets; and some tobacco, a small advantage may be gained; but the Khelatees are very poor. They emigrate for the same reason that Pat used to leave dear ould Ireland; to wit, produce is very plentiful, but sixpences are scarce, and sixpences are what the trader should consequently take up.—Government have been so good as to appoint a marriage Registrar for Upper Sind. Dr. Ffolliott, Civil Surgeon at Shikarpore, who lately relieved Dr. Riddell, is the nominee. Dr. Ffolliott has already won the goodwill and good opinion of a large portion of the Upper Sind community by his courtesy and uniform kindness.—Father Riswick, the only Roman priest in Upper Sind, is zealously caring for his flock, which is larger than one would think U. S. could boast of. He is raising a subscription to build a Chapel at Jacobabad; and probably the Catholic communities of Kurrachee, Kotree, and Hydrabad would like to help him. Usually the people of a place ought to be able to build their own church, or do without it, but this station has just sprung up and is likely to pass away as soon, whilst the Catholic residents are neither rich nor permanent, so they reasonably expect some assistance.—Jacobabad is likely to have a beershop very soon, at present people have to get their supplies from Shikarpore, which scarcely suits some of us a-T. The philanthropist will be mindful of the poor man's beer is a Bunya, and I wish him success, which by the way he cannot fail achieving as the Sukkur and Shikarpore shops have paid the old heavy duty, and he of course buys the latest inportations, and sets up without a rival.—Whilst you are about knighting your neighbour for keeping up the Prince of Wales's marriage, pray do not forget the Jacobites. On Friday last the elite of the station had a burra nautch and chota khannah, i. e. a quadrille party and supper, which was afterwards merged into a breakfast. "Dancing was kept up till a late hour," and the popular sentiment was "we won't go home till morning," which was a libel, as every one felt himself as much at home as social spirits could make him. The party broke up at noon on Saturday, and the sincerest wish of all who went rolling home or winding to office was or ought to have been, for human nature will occasionally allow the heat or a headache to interfere with loyalty—"God bless our Prince and Bride."—*Our Paper, (Kurrachee) May 22.*

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

(By Electric Telegraph.)

MADRAS, *27th May* 5-10 P.M.

Steamer *Nubia* anchored from Calcutta.

MADRAS, *28th May*, 7-15 P.M.

Steamer *Golden Fleece* sailed for London.

MADRAS, *28th May*, 7-10 P.M.

Steamer *Moultan* from Suez anchored.

MADRAS, *28th May*, 5-22 P.M.

Steamer *Nubia* sailed for Galle.

MADRAS.

27th May 1863.

Securities, Five and a half, sixteen three quarters to seventeen premium.
Fives, six and three quarters premium.
Fours, one and three-quarters discount.
Document Bills, two shillings one penny.
Freight, dead weight, thirty shillings.
Cotton, eighty shillings.
Interest on loans, ten per cent.
Money market, rather easier.
Forty inches Grey Shirtings seven pounds, rupees eight annas twelve per piece.
Number forty Mule Twist, good seconds, per bundle rupees six and annas twelve.

CHINA COMMERCIAL NEWS.

CALCUTTA, *28th May* 5-30 P.M.

Hongkong, May 9th.
Per steamer *Thunder.*
Opium quotations to-day; Malwa, six hundred and sixty dollars.
Patna, six hundred and twenty dollars.
Benares, six hundred dollars.
Exchange on London, four shillings and ten pence.
First-class private papers, four shillings and ten pence half penny.
On Calcutta, two hundred and thirty-seven rupees.
Rice, Bengal, cargo grades two dollars and forty cents.
Better kinds, two dollars and sixty-five cents.
Arrived steamer *Lightning* and *Thunder* on third instant from Calcutta; *Ottawa* on the fifth instant, and *John Bright* this morning from Bombay.
From Shanghai our dates are of the second instant; Opium quotations were, Malwa five hundred and twenty-three taels.
Patna, four hundred and ninety-seven taels.
Exchange, six shillings and seven pence.
May 9th, steamer *Ganges* just arrived from Shanghai, with advices to fifth instant.
Opium quotations, Malwa five hundred and thirty-five taels.
Patna, five hundred and thirteen taels.
Exchange on London, six shillings and six pence.
First class private, six shillings and four pence half penny.
On Calcutta, three hundred and eighteen rupees.

LOCAL.

THE Mails for the Malabar Coast per steamer *Maharaj*, (to touch at Vingorla, Goa, Sedaseughur, Mangalore, Cannanore, Calicut, and Cochin) will be closed on Monday next, the 1st June, at 2 P.M.

PARSEE THEATRE.—The success which attended the last performance of the Parsee Gentlemen Amateurs has induced them to repeat the pieces, namely, "Othello" and the Native Farce. We hear a large number of tickets have been already sold, and it is expected they will have another bumper house. The Police arrangements were very bad on the last occasion; it is to be hoped, however, they will be better this evening.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC to be played by H. M.'s 18th Regt. N. I., at the Esplanade, this evening:—

MARCH.
OVERTURE.—"Guy Mannering" .....*Bishop.*
WALTZ.—"Reussen Lieder"..... .....*Gung'l.*
SELECTION.—"La Traviata" .....*Verdi.*
QUADRILLE.—"Carnevals".....*Kühner.*
GALOP.—"Martha".....*Bilse.*

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

FROM a statement of the accounts of the Government Savings' Bank published in yesterday's *Government Gazette*, it appears that on the 30th April 1862, there were 7,431 depositors, whose deposits amounted to Rs. 16,69,909-2-8; the amount due to Government was Rs. 3,591-10-1; and balances under one rupee consolidated Rs. 81-9. The amount of cash in Government Treasury, Bombay Bank, was Rs. 16,69,242-8-6; that in the Savings' Bank Rs. 4,035-15-10; and overpayments (since recovered) and suspense account (since adjusted) Rs. 303-13-5.

CASE FOR THE SESSIONS.—Two Hindoos named Kissondass Appa and Wasdew Hurrydass, were yesterday committed by the Senior Magistrate for trial at the ensuing Sessions in the High Court, for having fraudulently converted a ten rupee Bombay Bank Note into a forged one for a thousand rupees.

BANK OF BOMBAY.—A general meeting of the proprietors of the Bank of Bombay was held yesterday forenoon at the Bank Office, Rampart Row, under Section 14 of Act III. of 1840, for the purpose of electing a director in the room of Robert Hannay, Esq., proceeded to Europe. Mr. S. D. Birch occupied the Chair. The Secretary, Mr. Blair, read the notice convening the meeting, and submitted a list of proprietors resident in Bombay eligible as directors. It was then proposed by Mr. Cowasjee Jehanghir Readymoney, seconded by Mr. J. A. Batmbach, and carried unanimously, that Mr. Gavin Steel be elected a Director in room of Mr. R. Hannay proceeded to Europe. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting dispersed.

MORTUARY RETURN.—The health of the town has considerably declined during the past week. The return shews the casualties to be 410, being 76 in excess of those of the week preceding. The prevailing epidemics are cholera, fever, small-pox, and measles, which are at present confined to those parts of the native town densely inhabited by Hindoos. The following is a classified table of the casualties:—

EUROPEANS.		PARSEES.	
Fever	0	Fever	6
Cholera	0	Cholera	0
Other diseases	6	Measles	2
		Other diseases	9
INDO-EUROPEANS.		JEWS.	
Fever	1	Fever	0
Cholera	0	Cholera	0
Other diseases	0	Other diseases	0
HINDOOS.		NATIVE-CHRISTIANS.	
Fever	113	Fever	6
Cholera	17	Cholera	1
Measles	20	Measles	1
Other diseases	134	Other diseases	7
MUSSULMANS.		NEGRO-AFRICANS.	
Fever	44	Fever	3
Cholera	0	Cholera	0
Measles	3	Small Pox	2
Other diseases	33	Other diseases	2

SUMMARY OF CHIEF DISEASES.

	Last Week.	Aver. of past 10 years.
Small-pox	53	18
Cholera	18	57
Measles	26	7
Fever	193	152
Nervous system	19	11
Vascular system	1	1
Respiratory system	21	24
Alimentary system	41	33
Cachexy	23	21
Accidents	1	3
Other diseases	14	7
Total...	410	334

WEATHER REPORT.

At 9 hours of the 28th May 1863.

BROACH.—Fair S. W.
BULSAR.—Cloudy S. W.
CANNANORE.—Fair.
GALLE.—Fine Light winds. Ther. 80.
GOA.—Hot and partially clouded. W. S. N.
KOLAPORE.—Fair S. W.
MADRAS.—Fair S. W. Ther. 89. Bar. 29·987.
PAUMBEN.—Fair wind southerly. Ther. 89.
SURAT.—Cloudy.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

OPEN 495¼ MILES.

Statement of Traffic, Week ending 17th May 1863.

COACHING.

Number of Passengers, 60,846.
Amount ..... Rs. 30,428 1 8

MERCHANDIZE.

Amount ..... „ 73,973 14 10
Total...Rs. 104,402 0 6

Corresponding Week last year. Open 438 Miles.

COACHING.

Number of Passengers, 52,472.
Amount ..... Rs. 28,732 5 2

MERCHANDIZE.

Amount ..... „ 54,592 4 7
Total... Rs. 83,324 9 9

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF BOMBAY.

THE Trustees of the Cathedral have published their Second Report which will be found below. It was submitted to the Government in November last, with a request that His Excellency the Governor in Council would grant a proportionate sum of money in aid of the proposed works in the event of his approving them; and in March 1863 the Trustees received a favourable reply. The Government authorise the Trustees to expend in the current year the sum of Rs. 20,000 upon the execution, at the cost of Government, of any work they may choose first to be done; to obtain a design for iron rails to surround the yard, and when approved to put them up; and to furnish a Punkah seats and chairs for the congregation. When the trustees first appealed to the Christian Public they proposed to raise Rs. 3,000, and more than Rs. 6,000 were contributed, and it transpired that had they proposed more extensive works there were willing hearts to give liberally. And now they confidently hope that the contribution of Government will be met by such a sum from their fellow Churchmen, as will enable them to accomplish their designs.

Since the Report was sent up to Government, a member of the Congregation has signified his intention of presenting a Stone Font as a "Thankoffering." The metal Gates for the West Entrance from the Porch have been ordered from Messrs. Cox and Son, the design for which was highly approved by all who saw it. The cost of them will be about £200—Rs. 2,000. The Screen to be placed before the Organ having made no progress, it was thought best that new designs should be procured, and these are at present under consideration. With respect to the proposed works the Trustees will be happy to receive Pencil designs from any competent Ecclesiastical Architect, who may be good enough to send them, and are prepared to employ the best professional skill in or out of the Service in the execution of these works.

SECOND REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SAINT THOMAS'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH.

FIFTEEN months have elapsed since the issue of our last Report. During this time we have received for the use of the Church the following sums of money:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
From 169 Contributors	6,264	0	0
One Moiety of the Offertory on Easter Day, 1862	338	12	0
From sale of old materials.....	854	2	6
Total Rs.	7,456	14	6

The following works have been executed under the superintendence of Lieutenant Colonel Scott

system will, through the medium of Government be put to the trial in various parts of India.

3. The plan is so simple, the expense attending its adoption is so very trifling, and the prescription is, supposing it to be sometimes unsuccessful, so perfectly harmless, that it requires only the unquestioning faith of a child to adopt the system.

4. I point to facts with a view to encourage the immediate adoption of the system. The matter requires no argument; it requires a trial, and I feel confident that the simple prescription will be attended with inestimable benefit not only to our European Troops but to all classes of people in this country.

5. I have drawn out a separate Memorandum, which may be found convenient. Of course, there will be no objection to any private one being made of this Memorandum, for the wider the sphere of the trial the greater the opportunities of collecting statistics.

From CAPTAIN J. C. WOOD, Deputy Commissioner, to G. B. THORNHILL, Esq., Inspector-General of Prisons, North-Western Provinces,—(dated Hoshungabad, the 7th May 1857.)

I HAVE the honor to inform you that Cholera having raged greatly in the City of Hoshungabad and in the District, I gave the Prisoners in the Jail an extra quantity of Salt on the recommendation of the Civil Surgeon Dr. Beaman.

The result, I think, has been that not a single Prisoner has been attacked during the prevalence of the Cholera the last month, though within the same period several person have died from that epidemic in the vicinity of the Jail, and many casualties have taken place in the Regimental Lines.

2. Each prisoner was allowed 4½ mashes in addition to the quantity prescribed (one pyce weight.)

3. I now beg the favor of your sanctioning the payment of Rupees 2-0-6 on account of Salt given to the Prisoners over and above the usual quantity.

N. B.—Dr Beaman's Father has employed this simple Cholera preventive with perfect success in England. The quantity of Salt taken in England is one drachm a day, divided into three portions, one portion to be taken with each meal. But the Civil Surgeon at this Station allowed a larger quantity as the Cholera raged in the vicinity of the Jail with great virulence, and as Natives in India never have more than two meals a day an equal quantity of Salt (a little less than a pyce in weight) was given with each of the meals. The Salt (which is our common table Salt) was pounded fine and eaten when the food was served up. The Salt loses this peculiar property if it is mixed with the food when being cooked. In salted meats, too, the Salt loses this virtue, one pyce and 4½ mashas are about two pyce in weight. One Rupee's weight a day would, however, be sufficient when Cholera raged with virulence in any locality: the weight of three 4th pieces would be ample if there were only a few Cholera cases about the neighbourhood. The prescribed quantity of Salt should be taken as long as the Cholera hung about, and the prescription would in two days, humanly speaking, (indeed in 99 cases out of a 100) render the person taking the Salt proof against the attack of Cholera. Salt has a preventive not a * curative property. The Salt should be taken with the food so as not to cause thirst or uneasiness in the stomach.

Memorandum by CAPTAIN J. C. WOOD, Political Agent in Nimar,—(dated the 14th March 1863).

DR. BEAMAN, a Physician in London, has found common table Salt an almost certain preventive of Cholera.

During the prevalence of this epidemic in any locality a larger quantity of Salt should be taken with the food than usual; without, however, creating thirst or causing uneasiness to the stomach.

For adults one Rupee weight of clean pounded Salt a day is generally sufficient † Europeans should take one-third of this quantity with each meal (in the morning, in the day, and in the evening). Natives should vary the weight of Salt used in equal proportions for each meal according as food is taken twice or three times.

The Salt should be taken with the food when served up. It loses its property when thrown into the food during the process of cooking.

In salted meats the Salt loses its peculiar virtue.

Dr. Beaman allows the use of pepper, flannel next the skin is strongly recommended.

Forwarded to the Officiating Principal Inspector-General, Medical Department, for an expression of opinion. (To be returned.)

By order, &c.,
J. T. WHEELER, Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.
Foreign Department, General, the 30th April 1863.

From the Officiating Principal Inspector-General Medical Department, to J. T. WHEELER, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department,—(Dated Fort William, the 25th April 1863.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your docket No. 617, dated 13th instant, forwarding, for my opinion, the documents below noted on the efficacy of Salt as a preventive of Cholera.

In reply, I beg very respectfully to submit, for the consideration of the Hon'ble the President in Council, that Salt has been at different times largely used in seasons of Cholera both as a prophylactic and as a cure, being administered for the latter purpose by the mouth, and in the form of injections into the veins.

2. Letter No. 6, dated 26th March 1863, from the Agent Governor General for Central India, with enclosures.

2. I am not aware that it has been tried to any extent in the way proposed in the enclosed Report during the recent epidemics of Cholera among European Troops, the attention of Medical Officers may be drawn to the subject, the supposed remedy being so simple and harmless if not actually beneficial, while its use involves no considerable increase of expense.

The documents are herewith returned as requested.

* I must qualify this remark. Salt is *certain* in its action as a *preventive*, but it is *uncertain* as a cure. In an attack of Cholera Salt is sometimes successfully used.

† More than the Rupee's weight of Salt a day can be taken as long as thirst is not created.

BENGAL.

WE are pleased to see another step in improved means of inland transit. The India General Steam Navigation Company give notice that the *Agra* will leave Rooshtee for Assam on the 21st, on the arrival of the first up-train, about 3 P. M. Thus the journey to Assam will be for the future of a much less formidable nature than the old route by way of the Sunderbunds.—*Englishman, May* 20.

MADRAS.

COCHIN HILLS.—These hills promise to become the most popular Coffee-planting locality in Southern India. Already more applications have been forwarded for land, than can possibly be satisfied. We have heard of prices having been offered for choice sites by persons likely to be well informed, which serves to show the estimation in which the densely wooded acres of the Nellimoothy range are held, before even the axe of the cooly has greeted the ears of the pioneers of English enterprize in this locality. Knowing, as we do, something of the district, and of the fertility of the soil of Cochin, we strongly urge those who have been lucky enough to secure a title to hold their own, as within a very short period, land in this district will realize prices, which cautious men may, at the present moment, regard as fabulous. A considerable number of coolies within the past month have been engaged from Madras to work on the estates now being opened on these hills, and we understand that any quantity of labor is procurable in the Presidency. The policy of drawing labor from this is sound; the men continue steady to their work, and a wholesome emulation is created amongst the coolies of Palghat, and the surrounding districts. All things considered, few localities have brighter prospects before them, than the Nellimpathy range of the Cochin hills.—*Daily News, May* 28.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.—We are rejoiced to find that the Local Government have submitted for the consideration of the Supreme Government, the great importance of steps being taken for the reform of the various systems of Weights and Measures in use in British India. Mr. Sim in his public letter to the Secretary to the Government of India dated 31st instant No. 834 writes:—"In this Presidency the Government in 1846 established a scale of weights and measures for exclusive adoption in the public accounts and in all transactions in which the Government were concerned. This system left "untouched the Provincial systems among the Natives," by whom it has been almost wholly disregarded in their private dealings. Since then the Government system has been affected by the use, under the orders of the Supreme Government, of the Indian Mound of 82⅔ lbs. Avoirdupois to the Salt, Railway and all other Public Departments. The inconveniance resulting to the Government and the public from the complicated and varying systems now in use can scarcely be exaggerated, and the Government believe that the substitution for them of a simple, uniform system, would be acceptable to the people, and might be introduced without material difficulty. The Government would, with this object suggest the appointment of a Committee, consisting of a properly qualified person from each Presidency, to consider and report on the system which in their opinion it would be desirable to adopt for all India. The Government would instruct the Committee to limit their inquiries and suggestions to the substitution for the present numerous contradictory scales of weights and measures of such a simple form as would, while it reduced the alteration in the existing scales to a minimum and disturbed the present nomenclature as little as possible, make the Indian system universal throughout the British India and place it in a simple relation with that now existing in England. Without a restriction of this nature the Committee might enter on the very broad question of the theoretically best system, and the result, might be the suggestion of a scheme which however perfect in theory, would be attended with such disturbance of existing relations as to render its adoption impracticable. On the other hand, the Government would not confine the Committee to any particular standard or unit of weight. In the event of the Supreme Government being indisposed to take up the question at present as one of Imperial concern, this Government propose to appoint a Committee to consider the subject in relation to this Presidency alone. I am directed to submit copies of Minutes on the subject of the above letter recorded by His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Mr. Fyerch."

MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT.

1. My attention has more than once been directed to the very anomalous and unsatisfactory state of the system (if indeed it can be so called) of weights and measures in this Presidency.

2. Latterly, I have been engaged in prosecuting some simple experiments for the purpose of determining the relation between the amount of produce upon different qualities of soil, and the assessment or rent of such land, and the difficulty which I have experienced, owing in great measure to the amount of calculation required to bring the numbers obtained by observation into a form admitting of direct comparison, has been so great as to justify the conclusion that, until some more simple and general system can be introduced, it will be utterly impossible to record in a satisfactory form any statistical information which would enable the Government or individuals to institute a comparison between the products of the different Districts of the territory, or to draw any sound, practical inference from the vast mass of facts brought officially under notice.

3. I have looked over the papers on this subject for the purpose of ascertaining whether any simple, practical suggestion could be gleaned from them, but I have not been able to discover any general scheme sufficiently simple to justify a recommendation that it should be adopted.

4. Under these circumstances, I think it would be advisable to bring this subject under the notice of the Supreme Government, with a suggestion that a Committee consisting of a properly qualified person from each Presidency should be appointed to which all the papers bearing on the subject should be referred, with instructions to consider and report to the Government their opinion as to the system which it would be desirable to adopt. I do not, however, propose that this Committee should be permitted to enter upon the very broad question of the (theoretically) best system of weights and measures; it should be instructed to limit its enquiries and suggestions to the substitution for the present numerous and contradictory scales of weights and measures of such a simple form as would, while it made the minimum alteration in the existing tables, and disturbed the present nomenclature as little as possible, make the Indian system universal throughout our territories, and place it in a simple relation with that now existing in England.

5. I propose to impose this limit upon the Committee, because I am aware that the introduction of a decimal system has been suggested. I believe that for purposes of computation and comparison this is theoretically the most perfect, but this perfection would be dearly purchased at the cost of the disturbance of every existing relation; indeed, I question very much the possibility of introducing a system so completely at variance with all those now existing in India. On the other hand, I do not wish to tie the Committee down to any particular standard or unit of weight. I see no good reason why the Rupee of 180 grains should be introduced into the system of weights, it may be hereafter desirable to harmonize our monetary system with that of England by making the Rupee a simple fraction of the pound sterling, and it would vere much hamper this operation if the Government were called upon at the same time to modify its whole system of weights.

6. It would very much simplify the operations of the Committee if it could be furnished with returns of the weights and measures in use in the different districts. A return of these exists, I believe, for Madras, but I am not aware whether similar returns have been called for in Bombay and Bengal.

MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE T. PYCROFT.

1. I have no objection to our addressing the Supreme Government on the subject of the Committee as proposed. I may however remark that a Committee was appointed by them some years ago, and that it resulted in the adoption of the present system—1 Indian Maund=100-lbs. Troy=40 Seers=3,200 Tolas each of 180 grains Troy, which was ordered to be used in all *Government* transactions. It was not thought possible to prescribe any system for the regulation of transactions between individuals, but it was hoped that the Government system would by degrees be adopted.

2. My own view is that the best course would be to adopt in all Government transactions the English system of weights and measures. Practically, English weights are used on the Railways, although the Government of India, much against the remonstrances of the Railway Companies, insist on the Indian Maund and Seer being the nominal weights. English weights are also used in the Sea Custom Houses. They are not a whit more strange to the people of this part of India than are the Indian Maund and Seer.

SIND.

ALMOST A COTTON CONFLAGRATION.—That part of the Town near the site of the old *Khoree* or "Weavers' Tank," in rear of the premises formerly occupied by the Kurrachee Bank, came very near being the scene of an extensive conflagration last Wednesday afternoon. It appears that a native merchant named Kulloo Mull Bucha Mull, who has his godowns in that quarter, had been delivering a quantity of hemp to Messrs. Fleming & Co. during the forenoon, and closed his premises at about 2½ o'clock, leaving a servant in charge. This man states he saw some smoke issuing from the building a little after 3 o'clock, and accompanied by another Mussulman, ran to the Fouzdar's office to give the alarm. Mr. Saee Ellapah with 3 Moonshees, 1 Subedar, 1 Havildar, 1 Naique, and 11 Sepoys, repaired immediately to the spot, and commenced extinguishing the fire which he found already breaking through the apertures of the building. The Fouzdar despatched a Sepoy for all the Policemen he could muster, and sent another to get the Municipal Fire Engine down. Fifty-seven men of the Police force were soon on the ground, and exerted themselves in suppressing the flames. As the Engine was not making its appearance another Sepoy was despatched to hurry it on. But before it could be brought down the Railway Company's Engine No. 1, in charge of Mr. Plaverson, the Station Master, and began to play upon the flames, water being supplied by three Municipal Carts, 24 bullock puckawlies and 30 coolies which the Police had procured for the duty. About half an hour afterwards the Municipal Engine was brought down, the delay having been occasioned by the absence of the man in whose charge it is, and who had the key of the Engine house. This had compelled the Sepoys, after looking in vain for him, to break open the doors. Some little time after No. 2 Railway Engine appeared, and the three succeeded in getting the flames under by 5½ o'clock. At 9 o'clock P. M., the fire was completely extinguished.

The loss occasioned by this fire is estimated at Rs. 5,000, of which Rs. 4,000 represent hemp, cotton, and country twist, the property of Kulloo Mull Bucha Mull, and Rs. 1,000 the building which is owned by Gaffoor butcher, who lives in Camp. There were Rs. 30,000 worth of property in the godown, all of which with the exception of the amount above mentioned, was saved. There were no less than eight lakhs of merchandise such as cotton, wool, sirsee, till, oil, ghee, &c., lying within twenty feet of the burning premises, and in the large square (the site of the old tank) 3,000 bales of unpressed cotton lay scattered; so that had it not been for the exertions of the Fouzdar at the very outset, the loss of property must have been immense. It was a fortunate circumstance that the breeze was not a strong one. It is not yet ascertained how the fire originated. We learn that while the hemp was being made over to Messrs. Fleming & Co., no one about the premises used fire, or smoked in any way. It is conjectured therefore, that the remainder of the hemp which perhaps was not quite dry when packed, must have ignited from the friction to which it was subjected by being knocked about during the forenoon. No thefts took place, although the square was surrounded by the town rabble, owing to a *cordon* of Police having kept them at a respectful distance.

Every one who was present at the fire unites in according to Mr. Saee Ellapah, Fouzdar of Kurrachee, the height of praise. As already observed he came on the ground soon after 3 o'clock, and we hear he never left the place until 9 in the evening, when every spark was put out. For six hours his exertions were unremitting, and we are happy to learn that the Native Merchants of the quarter intend presenting him at an early date with an address and a suitable testimonial, as an acknowledgment for the great services he rendered them in saving their property.

Several European gentlemen were present who worked arduously in combating the flames. Major Pirie, of the Police, was very active, and exposed himself to such an extent that in attempting to pull down a beam it fell upon him. We are happy to say, however, that the injuries he received are of a slight character only. Mr. Taverner, Station Master of the Sind Railway, rendered most valuable assistance, as well as Messrs. Adam and Abdoolla, of the same Department. Mr. Bright, from the Kesmaree Government Yard, stuck to the hose in the midst of the ruins for several hours, and was greatly instrumental in quenching the fire. We noticed Mr. McNeil, Traffic Manager, S. R., at the hose also; and Mr. Noonan, who was early on the ground, did good service. Mr. Constable McLean likewise proved very useful.

Mr. Erskine, Officiating Commissioner, and Mr. Ingle, Deputy Collector, were on the spot. The latter gentleman towards the close directed operations in rear of the burning premises, to prevent the flames communicating to the building adjoining, from which they were separated by the width of a foot-path only.

In our next issue we shall have some remarks to offer on the modes which should be adopted in our rapidly growing city, to guard against the spreading of fire.—*Sindian, May* 23.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES.

WE regret to record the death of William Grant, Esq., B.A., who lately edited this paper. Mr. Grant was a gentleman of the highest classical attainments, considerable information, and an able writer on a variety of subjects suited to his taste. The members of the society of Meerut, with whom he came in contact during his stay here, will be sorry to read this announcement. Such sorrow will, we doubt not, be shared at Agra, and wherever he was known; for he was a general favorite with all classes of every community with which he mingled. He had not the great ability of his brother, the Bishop of Southwark; but he was not an unworthy scion, in any respect, of the honorable family to which he belonged.—*Meerutlite, May* 22.

AGRA was visited by a thunder storm with the usual concomitants of dust followed by rain yesterday evening. It had been apparently gathering all day, and broke upon us about 5-30 P. M., from the North. There is every appearance of more rain today. The Maharaja of Gwalior is expected in the station this morning.—*Delhi Gazette, May* 23.

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This change of sentiment has undoubtedly been produced by the attitude of these Colonies themselves. The conduct of Canada, and in a smaller degree of New Zealand and the Cape, will outweigh a whole volume of appeals to feeling. Few persons are now found to maintain that the commercial advantages, whatever they may be, which the continued allegiance of these Colonies secures to us are equal to the burden, actual and contingent which the responsibility for their defence involves. But, until recently, there were not many persons who were inclined to push this material argument to its logical results. An instinct forbade the idea of casting off our own race, in many cases our own countrymen, in deference to the results of a cold calculation. But in order that this kind feeling should continue to exist it is absolutely necessary that it should be reciprocated. The most affectionate father will hardly go on paying the debts of his prodigal son, when he discovers that the son is only treating him as a gold mine to be worked to the utmost possible profit. If the Canadians only desire to make money out of us, it is not likely that we shall long give a sentimental colour to our connexion with them. The sentiment is not to be despised. Those who are inclined to treat it lightly, because no logical account of it can be given, forget how mysterious are the causes which make one nation greater than another. We have no more than a very shadowy conception of the nature of the causes which confer upon a nation the moral qualities from which greatness flows. We cannot tell for certain why one people are energetic, enduring, united, and another, apparently existing under ethnological or geographical conditions closely analogous, are strikingly destitute of any or all those qualities. It deserves to be considered whether some influence ought not to be attributed to the consciousness of extensive empire. It is usually acquired in the first instance by the accidents of war, or at most by a mere display of gallantry; but, when won, it inspires a pride which perceptibly modifies the character of the nation that feels it. The Americans are struggling to preserve territory that will only be a cause of weakness to them, and that cannot be physically necessary to their national development for centuries to come. But they are obeying the instinct which tells them that in the consciousness of empire is involved the possession of many of the highest qualities of a nation. The same instinct has long struggled in England against the arguments of economists who, relying upon the mere figures of the balance-sheet, have impressed upon us that the preservation of colonies is a losing investment of our money. But this feeling loses some of its force, when we are driven to the conviction that our honest pride in a colonial empire is, in the case of some colonies at least, entirely one-sided. The loyalty of the Canadians, for instance, is of so attenuated and poetical a character, that it disdains to express itself in any solid or material form. It is difficult to nourish the pride of empire upon the nominal possession of a province which does not sufficiently value its connexion with us to be willing to provide even an effective militia for its defence.

Whether we regret or rejoice at it, there can be little doubt that the question is rapidly being removed from the jurisdiction of feeling and placed to that of calculation. If ever this transfer should be completed, it will be chiefly in reference to Canada that statesmen will be called upon to take a decided course. The vast majority of our colonies are happily worth maintaining, even upon mere grounds of calculation. Those which can be protected by ships can be protected almost without cost. Even if they were independent, it would be necessary for us, in case of a war, to protect our trade with them. The protection which it is necessary for us therefore, to afford to them, amounts to no more than the obligation under which we always lie to defend our trade and maintain our supremacy at sea. New Zealand and the Cape cannot be classed under the same category. Their defence has hitherto proved anything but cheap; and if their difficulties were likely to be as permanent as they are severe, the possession of them would be a constantly increasing burden. The Maori and Kaffir tribes are on the decline. Whatever cost they may cause us, it is a charge which, by the working of a well-ascertained law, cannot permanently burden us. However irritating the state of the account between us and these colonies just at this moment may be, we may console ourselves with the reflection that the pressure is transient. It may not be worth while to embitter friendly communications in order to hasten only by a few years the erasure of an obnoxious estimate. But the case of Canada differs essentially from all the rest of our dependencies. She is the only colony we possess that is separated by a long land frontier from a turbulent neighbour who has a huge military force at his disposal. The defence of fifteen hundred miles of easily assailable frontier, against an enterprising foe, with the military force of England alone, is a task which far transcends the power of this island. The Canadians have refused to provide for themselves anything more than a body of undrilled soldiers, who, in the presence of actual invaders, would be a mere mob. When we remonstrate, the Canadians reply in an aggrieved tone that our calculations savour of a shop-keeping spirit; and that if Canada be attacked, they expect that the whole force of the Empire will be exerted in their defence. They have arrived at that conception of the filial relation between colony and mother-country, which is expressed in the popular slang, according to which "the relieving officer" is a synonym for "the father."

It is obviously impossible that colonial relations worked in this spirit can endure without change for very long. In the meantime, while they are making up their minds as to their wisest policy, it is not inexpedient that a formal warning from time to time should be offered to them, that Englishmen are not blind to the inevitable result to which such shortsighted expedients must lead. Parliamentary protests and declarations are of great use in conveying informal suggestions to foreign communities or princes. They afford an opportunity for explanations of opinion to be given which in a Blue-book would give offence, and in a newspaper might be disregarded. And perhaps it is only through their agency that English statesmen can be forced to give their attention to the discovery of some solution for a difficulty which events are rapidly pushing to a crisis.

THE ORIGIN AND CAUSES OF THE BENGAL MUTINY IN 1857.

(From the Edinburgh Review, April 1863.)

(Concluded from our yesterday's Number.)

But Lord Canning saw that the great offence committed by the corps, in having had recourse to arms to resist the orders of their Colonel, and in having been prepared to fire on their officers if they had advanced, was an offence which it was impossible to condone. Accordingly, though delaying any formal decision until the Court of Inquiry had established all the facts, Lord Canning on the 6th of March sent to Rangoon for a European regiment of Foot, the 84th which was stationed there. The message was, that the presence of this corps was urgently, though probably, only temporarily required. This order reached its destination on the morning of the 13th of March. Within twenty-four hours the regiment was embarked, and under steam for Calcutta. These and other preparations being completed, Lord Canning in a minute dated March 27th recapitulated all the facts, and announced that the 19th regiment of the Bengal army was to be disbanded. In the general orders issued on the same day, the Governor-General said with force and truth:—

'Neither the 19th regiment, nor any regiment in the service of the Government of India, nor any sepoy Hindoo or Mussulman, has reason to pretend that the Government has shown, directly or indirectly, a desire to interfere with the religion of its troops. It has been the unvarying rule of the Government of India to treat the religious feelings of all its servants of every creed with careful respect: and to representations or complaints put forward in a dutiful and becoming spirit, whether upon this, or upon any other subject, it has never turned a deaf ear.

'But the Government of India expects to receive, in return for this treatment, the confidence of those who serve it.

'From its soldiers, of every rank and race, it will at all times, and in all cases, enforce obedience. They have sworn to give it, and the Governor-General in Council never ceases to exact it. To no men who prefer complaints with arms in their hands will he ever listen.'

In pursuance of this order, the 19th regiment was marched to Barrackpore, the head-quarters of the Presidency Division, and in the presence of all the native corps there stationed, was solemnly disbanded by General Hearsey, the main part of two European regiments, the body-guard of the Governor-General, and two batteries of field artillery, being present to enforce the decision of the Government.

So far all was successful: General Hearsey was even cheered by the disbanded men. The Governor-General had been meanwhile indefatigable in taking every possible measure to reassure the native troops on the subject of their fears. He had ordered a change in the drill exercise, whereby cartridges were no longer to be touched by the mouth, but only torn by the hand. But as in a constitution affected by the cancer, on removal of the affected part, the disease breaks out at some new point, so this insane suspicion was now every week reappearing in some new form more malignant than before. Only two days previous to the solemn disbandment of the 19th regiment, a circumstance more ominous than any had occurred on the same spot. A Sepoy of the 34th Native Infantry, who seemed to be drunk or maddened by excitement, had appeared in the lines of the cantonment at Barrackpore armed, and calling on his comrades to follow him 'in defence of their religion.' Not one of these comrades would step forward to arrest him; and when two European officers came up to do so, and were engaged in a hand-to-hand conflict with the fanatic, they were assaulted by a mob of soldiers from behind, and struck on the head with the butt-ends of muskets. The fight was only ended when the gallant Hearsey himself rode up with his own hand to arrest the mutineer, who seeing himself likely to be overpowered, fired his musket into his own breast.

A new difficulty arose to Lord Canning out of the result of the court-martial which was held on this affair. One Sepoy, and one Sepoy only, had come to the assistance of the two officers who were wounded by the mutineer: he was a Mahommedan. After a prolonged inquiry into the spirit and temper of the regiment, the Court of Inquiry came to this most embarrassing conclusion, 'That the Sikhs and Mussulmans of the 34th regiment are trustworthy soldiers of the State, but that the Hindoos generally of the corps are not trustworthy.' Here was a distinction between creeds as affecting the fidelity of the native army never before heard of in the history of India. Could the Governor-General recognise it? If he did, there was no room to doubt what the effect must be on the race and faith which predominated in the army of Bengal. Lord Canning, with admirable judgment, determined that reward and punishment must be meted out to individuals and companies connected with this mutiny; according to the best evidence of the fact, but that no attempt must be made to draw a line of distinction between creeds. The opinion of the Court, however, is valuable as indicating the real origin of the mutiny, before its contagion had widely spread. Contrary to an opinion which still prevails, the revolt was Hindoo in its origin, and not Mahomedan. But Government could make no distinction except upon the ground of individual conduct. Two Sepoys were hanged who had been apparently gathering all day, and broke upon us about 5-30 P. M., from the North. There is every appearance of more rain today. The Maharaja of Gwalior is expected in the station this morning.—*Delhi Gazette, May* 23.

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(From the Saturday Review, May 2.)

No one who watches the tendency of opinion at the present time can doubt that we are rapidly approaching to a critical moment in the relation between England and one or two of her Colonies. The difficulty is not one of those that evaporate when they are let alone. Its dimensions are growing rather than diminishing. The more closely the expenditure of England is scrutinized, the more the disposition increases to complain that we are contributing in an undue proportion to the defence of communities the vast majority of whose taxpayers are far richer than our own. On the other hand, the pressure of the system according to which, in these cases, the burden of Colonial defence is apportioned shows no signs of abating. Wars may be less numerous than they were, but they are far more costly. The addition which has been made to our taxation by the discontent of the savages of Kaffraria and New Zealand has been very perceptible to the English taxpayer, though the debaters and pamphleteers of those two colonies look upon it as microscopic. The extent to which those burdens are likely to be increased, if it should ever fall to our lot to defend Canada against the United States, is so unwelcome a subject of contemplation that statesmen thrust it from them as something that it is hopeless to mend, and yet is far too intolerable to think of. The Colonial debate which was raised on Tuesday by Mr. Arthur Mills was interesting as an indication of the force with which the difficulty is beginning to impress itself upon the minds of public men. The general tone was far less tender to the Colonies in question than it has ever been before. Almost every speaker had moved a step onwards in the road which leads, or seems to lead, to separation. Contrary to the usual precedent, the Colonial Under-Secretary was the most conservative speaker in the debate, and even he, seemed to qualify, with the reluctance of official duty, the condemnation which he awarded to the conduct of the Colonies in which our warlike expenditure is the largest. The sentimental view was at a discount, and hard material considerations formed the staple of the argument.

This change of sentiment has undoubtedly been produced by the attitude of these Colonies themselves. The conduct of Canada, and in a smaller degree of New Zealand and the Cape, will outweigh a whole volume of appeals to feeling. Few persons are now found to maintain that the commercial advantages, whatever they may be, which the continued allegiance of these Colonies secures to us are equal to the burden, actual and contingent which the responsibility for their defence involves. But, until recently, there were not many persons who were inclined to push this material argument to its logical results. An instinct forbade the idea of casting off our own race, in many cases our own countrymen, in deference to the results of a cold calculation. But in order that this kind feeling should continue to exist it is absolutely necessary that it should be reciprocated. The most affectionate father will hardly go on paying the debts of his prodigal son, when he discovers that the son is only treating him as a gold mine to be worked to the utmost possible profit. If the Canadians only desire to make money out of us, it is not likely that we shall long give a sentimental colour to our connexion with them. The sentiment is not to be despised. Those who are inclined to treat it lightly, because no logical account of it can be given, forget how mysterious are the causes which make one nation greater than another. We have no more than a very shadowy conception of the nature of the causes which confer upon a nation the moral qualities from which greatness flows. We cannot tell for certain why one people are energetic, enduring, united, and another, apparently existing under ethnological or geographical conditions closely analogous, are strikingly destitute of any or all those qualities. It deserves to be considered whether some influence ought not to be attributed to the consciousness of extensive empire. It is usually acquired in the first instance by the accidents of war, or at most by a mere display of gallantry; but, when won, it inspires a pride which perceptibly modifies the character of the nation that feels it. The Americans are struggling to preserve territory that will only be a cause of weakness to them, and that cannot be physically necessary to their national development for centuries to come. But they are obeying the instinct which tells them that in the consciousness of empire is involved the possession of many of the highest qualities of a nation. The same instinct has long struggled in England against the arguments of economists who, relying upon the mere figures of the balance-sheet, have impressed upon us that the preservation of colonies is a losing investment of our money. But this feeling loses some of its force, when we are driven to the conviction that our honest pride in a colonial empire is, in the case of some colonies at least, entirely one-sided. The loyalty of the Canadians, for instance, is of so attenuated and poetical a character, that it disdains to express itself in any solid or material form. It is difficult to nourish the pride of empire upon the nominal possession of a province which does not sufficiently value its connexion with us to be willing to provide even an effective militia for its defence.

Whether we regret or rejoice at it, there can be little doubt that the question is rapidly being removed from the jurisdiction of feeling and placed to that of calculation. If ever this transfer should be completed, it will be chiefly in reference to Canada that statesmen will be called upon to take a decided course. The vast majority of our colonies are happily worth maintaining, even upon mere grounds of calculation. Those which can be protected by ships can be protected almost without cost. Even if they were independent, it would be necessary for us, in case of a war, to protect our trade with them. The protection which it is necessary for us therefore, to afford to them, amounts to no more than the obligation under which we always lie to defend our trade and maintain our supremacy at sea. New Zealand and the Cape cannot be classed under the same category. Their defence has hitherto proved anything but cheap; and if their difficulties were likely to be as permanent as they are severe, the possession of them would be a constantly increasing burden. The Maori and Kaffir tribes are on the decline. Whatever cost they may cause us, it is a charge which, by the working of a well-ascertained law, cannot permanently burden us. However irritating the state of the account between us and these colonies just at this moment may be, we may console ourselves with the reflection that the pressure is transient. It may not be worth while to embitter friendly communications in order to hasten only by a few years the erasure of an obnoxious estimate. But the case of Canada differs essentially from all the rest of our dependencies. She is the only colony we possess that is separated by a long land frontier from a turbulent neighbour who has a huge military force at his disposal. The defence of fifteen hundred miles of easily assailable frontier, against an enterprising foe, with the military force of England alone, is a task which far transcends the power of this island. The Canadians have refused to provide for themselves anything more than a body of undrilled soldiers, who, in the presence of actual invaders, would be a mere mob. When we remonstrate, the Canadians reply in an aggrieved tone that our calculations savour of a shop-keeping spirit; and that if Canada be attacked, they expect that the whole force of the Empire will be exerted in their defence. They have arrived at that conception of the filial relation between colony and mother-country, which is expressed in the popular slang, according to which "the relieving officer" is a synonym for "the father."

It is obviously impossible that colonial relations worked in this spirit can endure without change for very long. In the meantime, while they are making up their minds as to their wisest policy, it is not inexpedient that a formal warning from time to time should be offered to them, that Englishmen are not blind to the inevitable result to which such shortsighted expedients must lead. Parliamentary protests and declarations are of great use in conveying informal suggestions to foreign communities or princes. They afford an opportunity for explanations of opinion to be given which in a Blue-book would give offence, and in a newspaper might be disregarded. And perhaps it is only through their agency that English statesmen can be forced to give their attention to the discovery of some solution for a difficulty which events are rapidly pushing to a crisis.

THE ORIGIN AND CAUSES OF THE BENGAL MUTINY IN 1857.

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But Lord Canning saw that the great offence committed by the corps, in having had recourse to arms to resist the orders of their Colonel, and in having been prepared to fire on their officers if they had advanced, was an offence which it was impossible to condone. Accordingly, though delaying any formal decision until the Court of Inquiry had established all the facts, Lord Canning on the 6th of March sent to Rangoon for a European regiment of Foot, the 84th which was stationed there. The message was, that the presence of this corps was urgently, though probably, only temporarily required. This order reached its destination on the morning of the 13th of March. Within twenty-four hours the regiment was embarked, and under steam for Calcutta. These and other preparations being completed, Lord Canning in a minute dated March 27th recapitulated all the facts, and announced that the 19th regiment of the Bengal army was to be disbanded. In the general orders issued on the same day, the Governor-General said with force and truth:—

'Neither the 19th regiment, nor any regiment in the service of the Government of India, nor any sepoy Hindoo or Mussulman, has reason to pretend that the Government has shown, directly or indirectly, a desire to interfere with the religion of its troops. It has been the unvarying rule of the Government of India to treat the religious feelings of all its servants of every creed with careful respect: and to representations or complaints put forward in a dutiful and becoming spirit, whether upon this, or upon any other subject, it has never turned a deaf ear.

'But the Government of India expects to receive, in return for this treatment, the confidence of those who serve it.

'From its soldiers, of every rank and race, it will at all times, and in all cases, enforce obedience. They have sworn to give it, and the Governor-General in

THE ANTIQUITY OF MAN.

(From the Athenæum, April 18.)

Margate, April 15, 1863.

My absence from town for Easter has prevented me from replying sooner to a letter which appeared in your columns of April 4th. p. 459, signed H. Falconer, in which a formal complaint is made of my having failed, in my recently published volume on "The Antiquity of Man," to do justice to the part which he and Mr. Prestwich have played in determining the true age of the cavern and ancient river gravel deposits containing the remains of extinct mammalia and of man and his works, and of my having in some cases appropriated to myself the merit of discoveries and conclusions which belongs to them.

Shortly after the appearance of my book, I received a complimentary letter from Dr. Falconer, in which he spoke of such parts as he had then read in terms of high satisfaction, saying that he had only perused early all a part of the volume, and that in a more cursory reading of other chapters he had detected several mistakes. I called at his house some weeks later to tell him that I was preparing a second edition, and should be glad if he would point out to me such passages in which I might require corrections. To my surprise, I found his tone towards me and my book quite altered, and he gave me to understand that he preferred coming out in print with his objections to certain of my statements, and must therefore decline to assist me in minor points in the improvement of my next edition. I learned soon afterwards that he was to be associated in this proceeding with Mr. Prestwich, and that they were preparing a joint representation of the circumstances on which they fancied themselves aggrieved. As I had always been on friendly terms with both of those gentlemen, I at once offered to each, seperately, that if they could explain to me in what manner I appeared to them to have acted unfairly I would do everything I could to rectify errors or omissions but both declined by letter so nearly in the same words as to leave me in no doubt that they were acting in concert; and that they were so was soon afterwards confirmed by a declaration to that effect in a note addressed to me by Dr. Falconer.

On referring again to the various and frequent occasions in which I had cited both these authors in my first edition, I could find no reason to alter or extend any one of the notices which I had made of their labours. I have therefore reproduced the work as it was, and the public must decide whether I have shown any disposition to underrate their merits. When I first speak of Mr. Prestwich (p. 98), I say that "there was no one in England whose authority deserved more weight in determining the question regard to the antiquity of the implements in question. Since besides having published a series of important memoirs on the tertiary formations of Europe, he had devoted many years specially to the study of the drift and its organic remains. His report therefore to the Royal Society, accompanied by a photograph showing the position of a flint tool *in situ* before it was removed from its matrix," &c. I alluded to his visit to Amiens, and quoted his notices and papers in the *Proceedings and Transactions of the Royal Society* before mentioning my own visit to Abbeville and Amiens, which followed in the same year, and the results of which I communicated to the British Association at Aberdeen in 1859. If my observations corroborated those of Mr. Prestwich as to the co-existence of man with the extinct mammalia, it must not be forgotten that his also were in like manner simple confirmatory of results which his French predecessors had arrived at, and which had been most fully and clearly stated only four years before by